

Consolidated military school museum project halted by Foundation trustees

The AMA Alumni Foundation Board of Trustees has halted the developmental planning for a consolidated museum of Virginia military schools and academies citing the lack of resources from all of the organizations involved in the effort.

In October, the Trustees voted unanimously to withdraw a contract to conduct a feasibility study for the proposed multi-military school facility to be housed in the former General Wayne Hotel adjacent to the Fishburne Military School campus in Waynesboro.

Trustees **Ed Rogerville, '76**, and Treasurer **Steve Traylor, '72**, were AMA's leads on the project. They held conversations with Fishburne and the alumni associations of Staunton Military Academy, St. Emma's Military Academy and Frederick Military Academy. During the course of the conversations, Fishburne had offered the General



Wayne as a possible location for the new museum. (See story in Summer 2016 *Bayonet*)

After eighteen months of effort, Rogerville and Traylor agreed that even if all of the parties who had shown interest in the new museum were to pool their resources, such a commitment would not sustain the new museum. *"Rather than move ahead, we advised the board to withdraw the contract,"* said Traylor. *"The organizations involved were excited and motivated by the idea of the Virginia Museum of Military Schools and Academies but sadly did not have the necessary resources needed to sustain our goals."*

Rogerville concurred. *"We feel that we investigated the matter fully and left no stone unturned. There certainly are enough artifacts, history, documents and photographs to fill a museum on Virginia military schools. Unhappily, we simply lack the resources to move forward."*

Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke, '72**, says that our focus will now be on continuing to run *"our first-rate small museum on our campus which honors our school, its legacy and all of our alumni and friends."*

Critical meetings scheduled for 28 January

The AMA Foundation Board of Trustees and the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors will have what might be the most important meetings in the history of the two organizations. **ALL ALUMNI ARE URGED TO ATTEND.** The Boards will meet at 9 AM on Saturday 28 January. Details on page 7.



**Have you signed up
for the 300 Club?**



Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.

Winter 2017



Dear AMA Brothers and Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We have a lot to be thankful for.

Most of you are aware that there are "For Sale" signs up at our old school. Augusta Military Academy may change hands, or even have changed hands, by the time you read this. **Reverend Jack Cunningham** stated to me that he has given instructions to his realtor explaining the importance of our museum. All of the prospective buyers are receptive to the value of having occupants on the campus full time. However, you must keep in mind that there still can be changes in our status if and when the landlord changes.

Reeunion 2017 will honor our World War One alumni who were killed in action. We are hoping to keep all the costs roughly the same as at the last reunion. There will be a tour of the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and Museum in Staunton which includes a World War One exhibit with lunch following at The Depot.

We are offering two weapons this year at a raffle. One weapon is a .45 calibre pistol, the same model that was in the Reunion 2016 raffle. The second is a Springfield A3-03 .30 caliber rifle which had been purchased at the auction when the school closed. A special thanks to **John Toney** from the Fishburne Class of 1967 who bought the rifle at auction and has donated it to us for our raffle.

Again, we will have a Silent Auction and we ask that you think about what you can put into the auction. Maybe something to do with AMA or something that would be a treasure to someone else. Our Vice President **Rick Smail, '67**, will handle the auction again and you can contact him at ricksmail@earthlink.net. You will notice a change in the schedule on page 8. Fishburne will have a parade on Saturday afternoon and I am sure that a lot of our alumni will want to attend.

The Foundation continues to strive for money. If you have not donated in 2016, please do so. Tax deductible contributions are what keep our Museum open. There are many programs you can use to donate including the new 300 Club (see page 32) where we need 300 members and now have just thirty. To donate \$500 a year cost less than \$42 a month which can be deducted from your credit card automatically, if you wish. Even if you can't commit that much, believe me when I say that any donation in any amount is appreciated. You will be hearing more about this program so keep in mind that the objective is to keep our Museum open and our Legacy Scholarships funded.

In closing, I want to say that regardless of which side of the fence you were on in this last election, you are probably glad that the election is over. Now is the time to move on to do everything we can to have a better tomorrow in America. We all are blessed to live in a society where transitions of power can take place peacefully and I hope that we will all pull together in the years ahead for our great country and our alma mater. May God bless you all.

Respectfully,

Steve Trent, '70, President



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or type your submission. Digital photos should be in at least 300 dpi resolution and, if possible, in TIF format. Clear and correctly exposed glossy prints are also welcomed.

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1947

Harry May and Jane have moved from Northern Virginia to Leland, NC. Harry was the first Commander of the Roller Rifles. [PGVA2@aol.com]

1948

Bob Abrams tells us we listed an incorrect e-mail address for him in the last issue. The correct one is below. He lives in La Conner, WA where he continues to paint and lecture. He was a background artist at Disney. [r.abrams13@frontier.com]

Dr. Charles Santos-Buch is a retired Professor of Pathology at Cornell University. Dr. Buch has published more than 100 scientific papers and was chosen as Man of the Year by the World Almanac for his research on Chagas, a parasitic disease. He has a degree in biochemistry from Harvard and graduated from the Cornell Medical College in 1957. *(A fascinating story about his experience with a Nazi U-boat crew in Cuba begins on page 19)* [casb1@me.com]

1950

Tommy Clements reports that his COPD is under control and that his wife, Joyce, who has Alzheimer's, is unchanged. They are living in Dallas. [tclements7@att.net]

1953

Lew Mundin says he is doing well, swimming every day and baby sitting from time to time with "two wonderful grandsons." He lives in Richmond. [lmundin35@gmail.com]

Harold "Charlie" Chow still lives in Honolulu. He spent 32 years with Pan Am and retired from Hawaiian Airlines in 1995. [hkychow@juno.com]

1957

Dick Stuckey, from Washington, DC, now lives in Victoria, Australia..

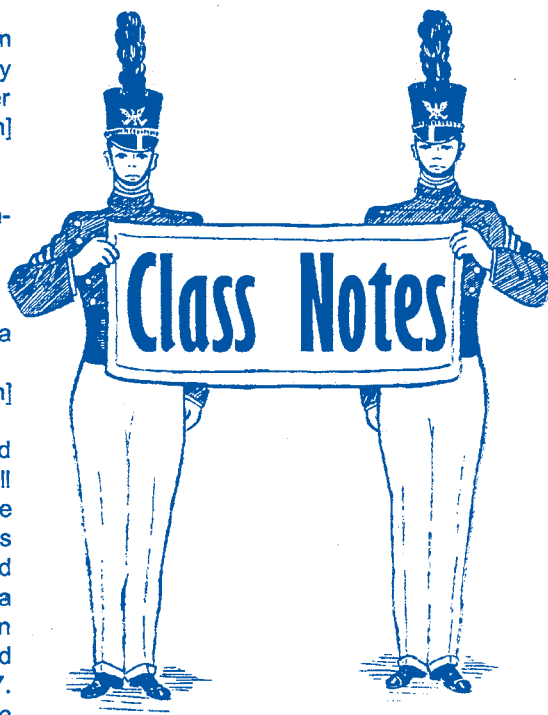
1960

Luke Snyder had heart surgery in October. Back to walking more than two miles a day, he is doing well. He and Anne live in Charlotte. [lukesnyder@carolina.rr.com]

James Morris, originally from Delta-ville, VA, now lives in Wilsonville, OR.

1962

Paul Taliaferro is a former air controller who lives in Winchester. His



son, Sam, was a 2000 recipient of an AMA Legacy Scholarship. Sam graduated from JMU and today works as a designer for the Hard Rock Cafe Group based in Orlando.



Dr. Adolfo Solorzano, '78 lives in Miami and in September he had a visit from his AMA roommate **Eric Trivtayakhun** who lives in Bangkok, Thailand. (Because his long last name was hard to pronounce and even more difficult to spell, Eric is using his mother's next to last name, LeFevre). Eric attended The Citadel, had ten years in the US Air Force and is now a successful businessman in Thailand. Adolfo is the former President of Fuji Motors International S.A.

[Solorzano - usa@photoclinic.com]

Calvin Fagley lives in Kentwood, MI. He is the former owner of Dickens Printing in Grand Rapids. [Kasemer@aol.com]

1963

Robbie Rhodes received a BS in pharmacy from the Medical College of Virginia (later VCU) in 1971. He is the President of Rhodes Pharmacy Consultants in Winchester. [rmrhodes@hotmail.com]

Charles Hatfield received a business degree from William Carey University. He now lives in McKinney, TX and came to Augusta from New Hampshire.

Peachy Schwarzmann is very proud of his grandson, Trevor, who is a Dartmouth College freshman. This past spring, Trevor was the 2016 Boys Tennis Player of the Year in South Florida. He has been playing tennis since he was four years old. [trev1170@aol.com]

1964

Bill Godfrey studied accounting and marketing at Texas A&M. He is a retired business manager and he lives in Woodstown, NJ. He says his saddest memory from his days at AMA was when **Major McCreary** in MS&T class told us that **President Kennedy** had been killed.

1967

Mickey Toms' mother passed away in Charlottesville on 18 May. So sorry to hear about this, Mickey. On a happier note, daughter, Francesca, graduated from high school on 26 May. Mickey lives in Cortez, CO. [cmtomsjr@gmail.com]

Richard Cullen has been Chairman of McGuire-Woods LP, one of the nation's largest law firms, since 2006. The Richmond firm has represented large multi-national companies and well as famous individuals. In 1991, then President George H. W. Bush appointed him as US Attorney for Eastern Virginia. In 1997-98, he was Attorney General of Virginia.

David Raybin says that "while some of my colleagues are retiring, I have started a new law firm in Nashville." Dave has focused on criminal defense and he is being joined by a personal injury attorney from Florida in creating Raybin and Weissman. Dave's new partner Dave Weissman says working with Raybin "is an honor. He is a superstar in his field." [DRaybin@aol.com]



ITALY - Nancy and John Botcheller, '67, enjoy dinner at Lake Como, Italy. John's class will celebrate its 50th anniversary at Reunion 2017.

John Botcheller and Nancy have announced the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Benjamin Mark Weisberger in Bristol, RI. She is a registered nurse at the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston and he is Chef de Cuisine at No. 9 Park, also in Boston. The couple will be living in Cambridge, MA.
[botcheller@aol.com]

1968

Gordon Metz had a second shoulder replacement surgery in October and is doing well.
[gordonrmetz@gmail.com]

1969

Bob Jones lives in Charleston, WV. He is a graduate of Kent State.
[RPJones853@aol.com]

Victor Gomez has retired and he and Evelyn have moved from Centreville to Waynesboro. "I can be near AMA and can help Ben Zinkhan and Crysta more often now at our fantastic museum."
[victorrromez@verizon.net]

Rex Rumley is proud to announce that he has lost in excess of 100 pounds in the last twelve to fourteen months. Way to go there, Rex!
[rex183insight.rr.com]

1970

Jeff Jackard is a realtor in Orlando. He has a finance degree from Penn State and an MBA from Shippensburg.
[jjacard@bellsouth.net]

Larry (Thiel) Milano had a heart attack in

mid-July and had quintuple bypass surgery thereafter, complicated by the fact that he has had diabetes for the last two decades. Larry and Francine attend many reunions and we hope to see them in April. They live in Ronks, PA, near Lancaster where the surgery was performed.
[tootsmilano@yahoo.com]

1971

Garry Granger underwent knee surgery in October and is recovering at home in Double Oak, TX with Nurse Becky.
[garryfresh@verizon.net]

1972

Mike Kidd and Maureen left home in Ohio in late June for a Harley "trike trip" through Indiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, California, Wyoming, the Dakotas and back home - 6242 miles, 27 days, 15 states and nine national parks. Once on the road their trike failed them and they returned home to make the trip in the family car. "Good thing we did," says Mike, "since we had lots of rain and melting hot weather." Mike retired from FirstEnergy after 32 years.
[mkidd72@gmail.com]

Tom Barnes has joined the Wesland Group in Marysville, UT. Formerly he was the Director of Survey and Mapping at WHPacific LTD.
[vegasbroncofan@yahoo.com]

1973

Joe Garry says "I got in trouble one time too many and I was sent off to AMA. After a year, I really wanted to go back. I spent four years at AMA which I will never forget." He lives in Woodsboro, MD.
[joegarry3rd@cs.com]

1974

Paul del Castillo is a supervisor for the US Postal Service in West Islip, NY where he and his wife, Melissa, live.
[pd1015@hotmail.com]

1975

Bob Walker had another blood clot in late July. He is doing better at this writing.
[rebelrider56@gmail.com]

Leon Armentrout operates Hardway Heroes Stockdogs in Staunton. He is

originally from Harrisonburg.

Lieutenant General Larry Nicholson is Commanding General of the III Marine Expeditionary Force, Japan, with headquarters on Okinawa. He expects to be back at The Pentagon sometime in 2017. A book written by Kael Weston, *The Mirror Test*, details Larry's service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Luis Iglesias and Tracy are now living in Thornton, CO. They previously lived in Pembroke Pines, FL. Luis attended St. Johns University and was in law enforcement in Miami.
[aqua1957@att.net]

1980

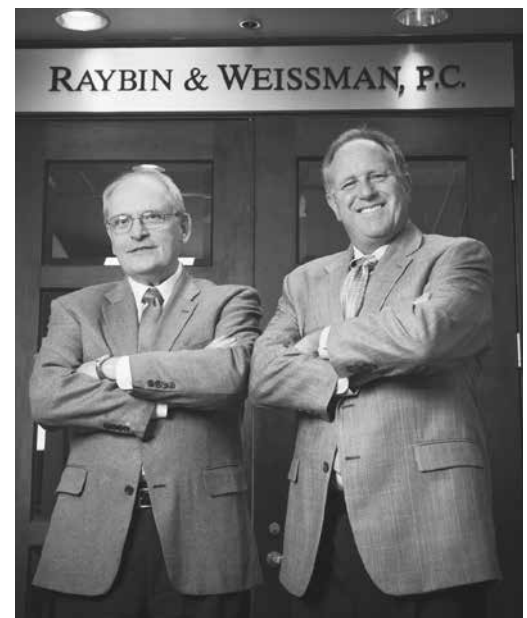
Juan Carlos Otero Saenz is living in Cartagena, Columbia. When attending Augusta, he played soccer and JV basketball and lived in Venezuela.

1982

Bill McCeney lives in Silver Spring, MD where he is a Maryland State employee.

1984

Lauriano Vallenilla lives in Caracas, Venezuela. He and his brother, Jose, were in AMA's last class.



TENNESSEE - While many his age are retiring, David Raybin, '67, has paired with another Nashville attorney to start a new law firm. David, left, above, concentrates on criminal cases while Dave Weissman does personal injury cases. David's son, Ben, is also a member of the firm and his brother, Paul, '69, lives in Staunton.
[DRaybin@aol.com]



Woodrow Lashley, '57, and Louise visit the Museum. They live in Fairfax.



Two Texas boys in Verona while volunteering at the AMA Museum: B.J. d'Orsay, '70, from Lubbock and Stride Coleman, '72, from Muleshoe.



Maureen and Mike Kidd, '72, at the Grand Canyon in Arizona.



60th ANNIVERSARY - Colonel Mal and Linda Roller Livick celebrated 60 years of marriage on 21 July. They marked the occasion at a luncheon with their children, grandchildren and two great-grandchildren in arms. Congratulations to a wonderful couple!



ABOVE, former Battalion Commander and First Captain Mark Femrite, '72, signs in at the Museum on a day when he and Sherri visited to make preparations for Reunion 2017. The Femrites live in Riner near Blacksburg and have been faithful volunteers over the years. BELOW, former Alumni Association President Garry Granger, '71, and Becky, right, visited with Anne and Luke Snyder, '60, in Charlotte on their way to Blowing Rock to spend a week at the Snyder's condo at the Yonahlossee Resort for which they had the high bid at the Reunion 2016 Silent Auction.



Mr. and Mrs. George Butera, '70, visited the Museum in the Fall. They live in Baltimore.

Jorge Rovirosa, '70, spent some quality time with General Colin Powell at Hilton Head, SC. Jorge gave the general a Roller Rifles Challenge Coin and Powell recalled that he had doubled support for Junior ROTC programs when he was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

For some interesting trivia about some military schools in our area, see "Military school report" on page 28





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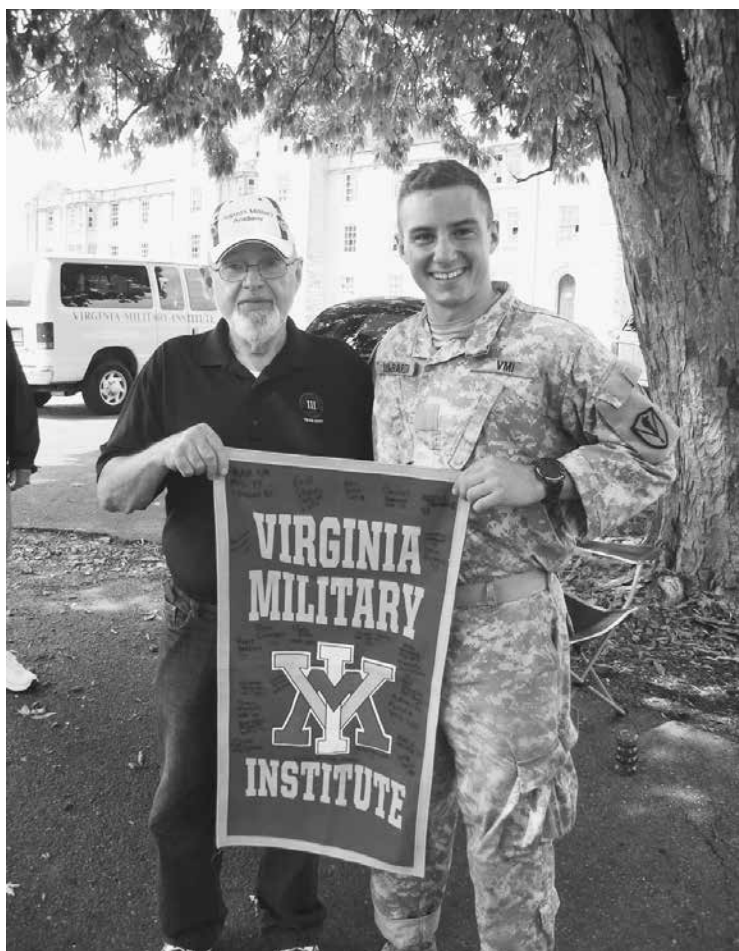
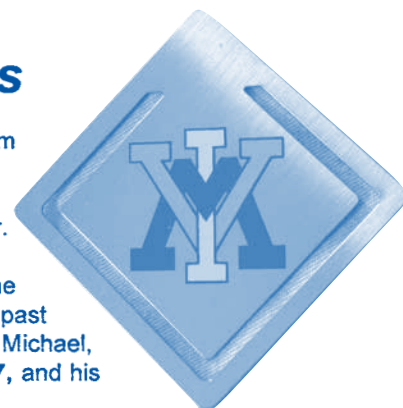
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Honoring two great ladies **Keydets make annual visit to AMA campus**

A contingent of cadets from the Virginia Military Institute made their annual 82 mile hike from Lexington to the Civil War battlefield at New Market with a traditional stopover for lunch at AMA. But two dear AMA volunteers were not there to greet them this year.

Joyce Zinkhan and Ida Spencer, wives of Ben, '60, and Frank, '49, died this past Winter. These two ladies had prepared the lunches for the famished young men who were making the trek to honor the VMI cadets who fought in what turned out to be the last Confederate victory in the Valley. But the Spencer and Zinkhan families came together to welcome the VMI boys this past September. In addition to Frank and Ben, Joyce and Ben's daughter, Sherri Langford, her son, Michael, Frank and Ida's sons, David and Tom, **Doug Carter, '72**, and Connie Spittler, **Buddy Krise, '57**, and his granddaughter were there to serve the lunch and welcome the VMI boys.

Before going on their way, the cadets presented Ben with a VMI banner signed by all of the cadets on the march, a banner which is now on display at the AMA Museum.



At left, a VMI cadet presents to Museum Volunteer Ben Zinkhan, '60, a VMI banner signed by all of the marchers. Above, the boys make their way on our campus under a warm September sun. Below, left, the AMA folks who made the lunch possible. Thanks to you all!



Vitally important meetings scheduled on 28 January

Meetings of the AMA Alumni Foundation Trustees and the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors in January likely will chart the future course of our museum and many other, until now, priorities.

The two boards will meet at the AMA Museum in Fort Defiance at 0900 on Saturday 28 January to hear financial reports and to face the challenges before us, financial and otherwise.

With the idea of a joint Virginia Museum of Military Schools now in the dust bin, the future of our pristine AMA Museum needs a plan. With fewer alumni to volunteer and contribute, some very difficult decisions must be made. **ALL AMA ALUMNI ARE URGED TO ATTEND!**

Tentative schedule, Reunion 2017

THURSDAY 27 APRIL

10 AM - 4:00 PM Alumni House/Museum open

Noon - 4:00 PM . Registration, Tower of Power and 50/50 begins
PX open Reunion Plaza

6:00 PM Opening reception, The Club at Ironwood
Recognition of former AMA faculty, Fishburne alumni welcome

7:00 PM Dinner, The Club at Ironwood

8:00 PM - Midnight Hospitality Hours, PX open, 50/50,
Tower of Power Reunion Plaza

FRIDAY 28 APRIL

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM Registration, Reunion Plaza

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee service, Reunion Plaza

8:00 AM Golfers depart for Waynesboro Country Club

9:00 AM . . . PX open, Tower of Power, 50/50, Reunion Plaza

9:00 AM AMA Open, Waynesboro Country Club
Contact **Paul Poluito**, '73 at cpp2q@virginia.edu

9:00 AM Depart for Woodrow Wilson birthplace
(Car pools suggested)

9:30 AM Tour Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and
Presidential Library, World War One exhibit
followed by luncheon at The Depot

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Alumni House/Museum open

12 Noon . . Sporting Clay Shoot, The Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg
Contact **Blaine Clarke**, '72 at Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net

12 Noon - 3:00 PM Refreshments, Reunion Plaza

3:00 PM Silent Auction begins, Reunion Plaza

6:00 PM Open Bar, Holiday Inn Ballrooms

7:00 PM Awards Banquet, **Steve Trent**, '70, emcee
AMA Alumni Medals, Sports Hall of Fame, Legacy Scholarships,
AMA Open golf results, Sporting Clay results
Holiday Inn Ballrooms

8:00 - Midnight . . Open bar, PX, Silent Auction, Tower of Power,
50/50 Reunion Plaza

All functions at the Holiday Inn unless otherwise noted

Register early and save!
Details on Registration Form



SATURDAY 29 APRIL

9:00 - 10:00 AM Breakfast on your own

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Alumni House/Museum open

10:00 AM Depart for Fishburne Dress Parade
(Car pools suggested)

10:45 AM Fishburne Dress Parade
Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro

12:15 PM Depart Fishburne

1:00 PM Lunch in the AMA Memorial Gymnasium
Colors posted by Fishburne Color Guard

2:00 PM Colors dismissed

2:00 PM Alumni Association Board meets
All alumni welcome! AMA Memorial Gymnasium

3:30 PM Founder's Day, **Rick Smail**, '67, emcee
Honoring Roller and Livick families, World War One KIAs,
alumni who passed away since Reunion 2016
Color Guard, Honor Guard and Taps, Fishburne Military School
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery

6:00 PM Open bar, Reunion Plaza

7:00 PM Closing Banquet
Speaker: **Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard**
Introduced by **John Botcheller**, '67

8:00 PM Silent Auction ends, Reunion Plaza

After dinner until Midnight Open bar, Reunion Plaza

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

11:00 AM Regular Sunday morning worship service
Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church

12 Noon . . . Roller Riders depart from in front of Big Barracks

The last weekend in April! Come home to Fort Defiance!

Mark the date on your calendar now!

When it is Springtime in the Valley, there is no more beautiful place on Earth. Dogwoods in bloom and cool nights. And you don't have to wear those hot wool pants in the daytime!

Once more, AMA brothers and friends will gather to chew over old times while different classes will vie to claim that theirs was the best class or that things were rougher for them than for other classes. There will be a million memories to unfurl and relive.

Come Thursday evening to see faculty members you will remember at the Opening reception. On Friday, play golf or go for the sporting clay shoot. Or visit the birthplace of President Woodrow Wilson and see the World War One exhibit there. (We will be honoring our alumni who gave their lives in that war 100 years ago)

You can travel to Waynesboro to Fishburne's Dress Parade. And you can join your friends in the Old Stone Church Cemetery as we salute the Roller Family and read off the names of our WW I KIAs. And the names of our friends who have passed away since the last reunion. Enjoy lunch in the AMA Gymnasium and visit our pristine little museum. Shop at the PX, take part in the raffles for two different weapons and participate in the Silent Auction.

Most of all, spend time with old and new friends! Many hours at the Reunion Plaza at the Holiday Inn where you can sit, drink, snack and talk. Walk around the campus and see Big Barracks, that dear old lady, up close.

Yes, a reunion is the time to remember all the things from the past, good and bad. But it is also a time to look forward.



To think about the future of our museum. To come up with ideas for future reunions. To make plans to go on the Roller Riders bike trip next year or to plan a mini-reunion in your home area.

This reunion is planned so that there is plenty of time for socializing. The schedule may look full, but if you aren't golfing or shooting or taking a side trip to Staunton or Waynesboro, there are many hours to just be together.

We can all remember the tears being shed on the last day of school. Some cried then, some cried later. Very few hard hearts walked away from the Blacktop without a lump in their throats. Seeing all these guys for maybe the last time after having lived with them for four or three or two years.

Come back to Fort Defiance in April!

The memories will come floating back and overwhelm you. See you there!

THE 2017 AMA OPEN

AT LAST YEAR'S VENUE

Friday 28 April at 9 AM - Shotgun start

A four-person scramble (Captain's choice) with all proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation. All are welcome! Men, ladies and teens

Use every player's tee shot twice. Lowest score wins! 1st, 2nd and Last Place Prizes awarded plus Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Best Putt.

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* Includes two Mulligans

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Contact PAUL POLUITO, '73, at cpp2q@virginia.edu**

**Thanks to Paul for hosting the AMA Open at his club –
The Waynesboro Country Club**

Sign up form for the 2017 AMA Open

Name and Class _____ Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Snail mail address _____

Handicap or last three scores ____ Will play with anyone ☐ OR team me with _____

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We have a foursome _____ and _____

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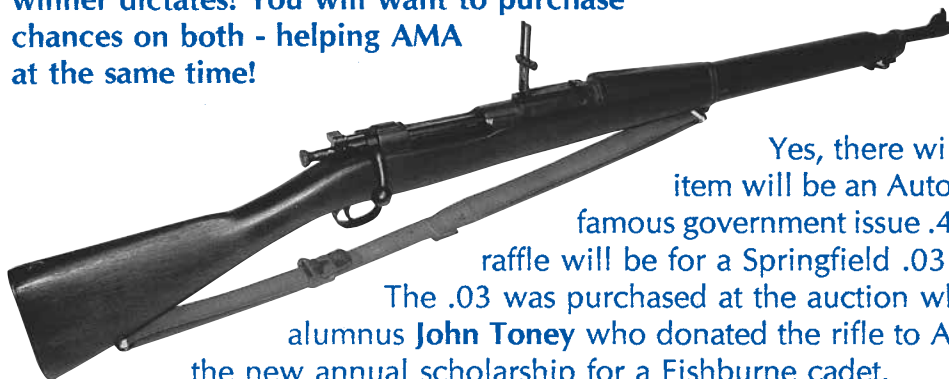
**We expect to have players
from some of our rival
military schools! SMA, FMS,
Fork Union, Massanutten
and Stuart Hall! More fun!**

TWO WEAPON RAFFLES AT REUNION 2017

At Reunion 2017, you will have two separate opportunities to own a very special weapon. A Springfield 1903 which actually was once carried by an AMA cadet and a .45 pistol to be engraved as the winner dictates! You will want to purchase chances on both - helping AMA at the same time!



Have your pistol engraved at no extra cost!



Yes, there will be two raffles at the reunion. One item will be an Auto Ordinance M1911a1 replica of the famous government issue .45 ACP, pictured above. The second raffle will be for a Springfield .03 rifle once carried by AMA cadets. The .03 was purchased at the auction when the school closed by Fishburne alumnus **John Toney** who donated the rifle to AMA with the proceeds to help fund the new annual scholarship for a Fishburne cadet.

There will be two separate raffles then. One for the .03 with proceeds going to fund the AMA Scholarship for a Fishburne cadet. And a second raffle of the .45 replica which will include any engraving that the winner might desire with proceeds to AMA. Tickets for each raffle are \$20 each or six for \$100.

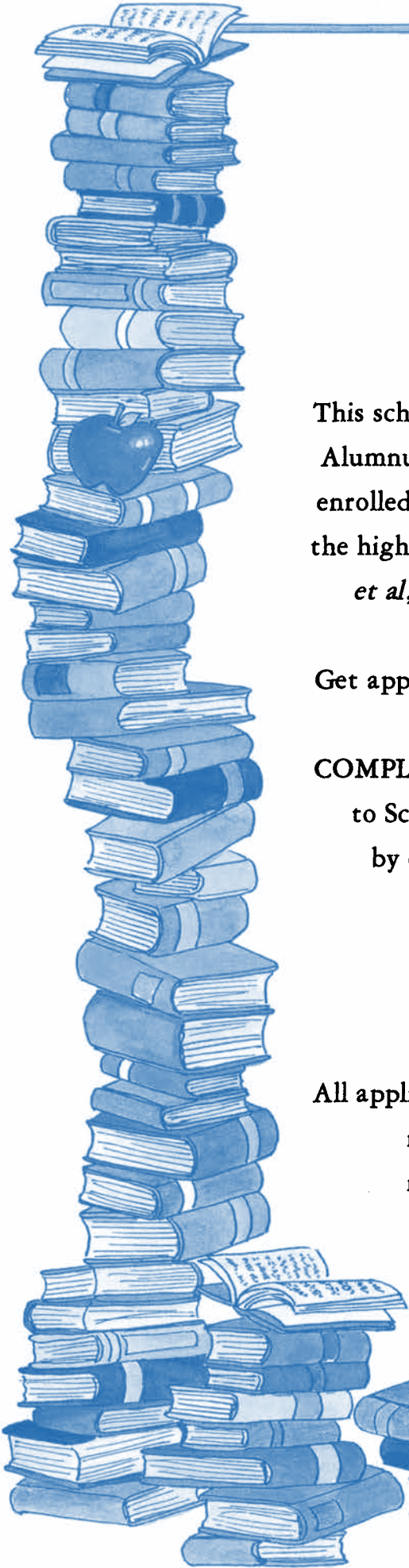
Enjoy the annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Reunion 2017!

**Friday 28 April at the Flying Rabbit in
Harrisonburg. The shoot
begins at Noon**



All invited to shoot: alumni, friends of alumni, ladies, teens. We'll be joined by shooters from some of our rivals from the past - Fishburne, Fork Union, SMA and others. A great and memorable outing!

Contact Blaine Clarke at: Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net
Trophies awarded! A great afternoon guaranteed!
Bring your own weapon or we'll furnish one for you!



Earn a 2017 AMA Legacy Scholarship worth \$2,000!

This scholarship will be awarded to a direct descendant of an AMA Alumnus. Applicants must be 25 years of age or younger who are enrolled or plan to enroll in an institution of higher learning above the high school level. Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, *et al*, of AMA alumni (natural, adopted or step) are eligible.

Get applications on line at AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND MAIL, FAX OR E-MAIL
to Scholarship, P.O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437 OR
by e-mail to: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net OR
by FAX to 540/248-4533

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY 11 MARCH 2017

All applicants will be advised by snail mail whether or not they will receive a scholarship. The Scholarship winner will be requested to attend the Awards Banquet at 7 PM on
Saturday 29 April at the Staunton Holiday Inn
during the 2017AMA Reunion.

*Thank you to our alumni, many of whose family
members have gotten Legacy Scholarships in
years past, for funding our 2017 award.*

AMA Legacy Scholarship winners through the years Thanks go to Ed Click, '50, for creating this complete list of those who have received AMA Legacy Scholarships since the program's inception in 1994.

YEAR	SCHOLAR	AMA CONNECTION
1994	Amy de Ayora	Mike, '65
1995	Michael Yerkey	Bob, '61
1996	Albert Leatherman	George, '39
1997	David Click	Ed, '50
1998	Elizabeth Webster	John, '24
1998	Jamie Saunders	Goodloe, '57
1999	Bill Click	Ed, '50
1999	Joanna Core	John, '51
1999	Chad Lampman	Peter, '65
1999	Victoria Rovirosa	Jorge, '70
1999	Emily Steele	John, '61
1999	Laura Zinkhan	Ben, '60
2000	Allison Arthur	John, V, '75
2000	Addy Hodges	King Edward, '41
2000	Justin Morgan	Frank Spencer, '49
2000	Elie Murphy	Mark Femrite, '71
2000	Victoria Rovirosa	Jorge, '70
2000	Emily Steele	John, '61
2000	Sam Taliaferro	Paul, '62
2000	Laura Zinkhan	Ben, '60
2001	Scott Wooten, III	Scott, Jr, '66
2001	Allison Arthur	John, V, '75
2002	Peter Baxter	Mickey Toms, '67
2002	Suzanne Beard	Ben, '65
2002	Megan Spigle	Mark, '74
2003	Peter Baxter	Mickey Toms, '67
2003	Suzanne Beard	Ben, '65
2003	Megan Spigel	Mark, '74
2004	Fallon Abel	Bailey, '18
2004	John Arthur, VI	John, V, '75
2004	Daniel Sagmiller	Stokes Daniels, '49
2005	Jason Bare	Michael, '49
2005	Jodie Kalvin	Albert, '65
2005	Mal Livick, III	Mal, Jr., '75
2006	John Arthur, VI	John, V, '75
2006	Casey Nicol	Rob, '67
2006	Robert Sagmiller	Stokes Daniels, '49
2007	April Baker	Gary Sheffer, '66
2007	Elizabeth Brandt	William Anderson, '28
2007	William Welte	William, '38
2008	Abigail Deal	Bernard Graves, '28
2008	Andrew Leach	Ed, '69
2008	Mallory Mitchell	Jim, '76
2008	Casey Nicol	Rob, '67
2008	Rebecca Daniels	Stokes, '49
2009	Taylor Daniels	Stokes, '49
2009	Amanda Braddock	Dave Conrad, '59
2009	Norvell West, IV	Norvell, III, '83
2010	Brittany Burke	Chuck Pine, '49
2010	Blaine Frohlich	Ken, '74
2010	Todd Livick, Jr.	Todd, '81
2011	Rebecca Daniels	Stokes, '49
2011	Ross Hash	Jim, '72
2011	Andrew Props	Roy, '67
2012	Kathleen Ritter	Ken Pezzulla, '45
2012	Hobie Proctor	Tomme Gamewell, '54
2012	Riley Meek	Chris, '84
2013	Lauren DuVal Lane	Tony Webster, '57
2013	Taylor Livick	Todd, '81
2013	Mary Katlyn Smith	Albert, '66
2014	Mary Katlyn Smith	Albert, '66
2014	Kaley Suero	Roberto, '47
2014	Alyssa Morgan Goff	Ben Zinkhan, '60
2015	Sydney Lane	Tony Webster, '57
2015	Patrick Andrews	Colonel Tom Roller
2015	Hunter Liles	Edwin, '61
2016	Hunter Liles	Edwin, '61
2016	Sean Worth	James, '45

Former Attorney General

Richard Cullen, '67, heads one of nation's largest law firms

For a decade since 2006, Richard Cullen, '67, has been the Chairman of McGuire-Woods LLP, one of the nation's largest law firms with more than 1,000 attorneys. Born in New York City, his family moved to Staunton when he was in kindergarten. After a PG year at AMA where he played football and was the Sports Reporter for *The Bayonet*, he attended Furman and worked for the Staunton News-Leader during the summers. He joined the staff of Congressman Caldwell Butler (R-VA) in 1973 as his Press Secretary and left Butler's employment to attend law school at the University of Richmond, joining McGuire-Woods when he graduated.

In 1991-93, he was the U.S. Attorney for Eastern Virginia and was Virginia's Attorney General in 1997-98. He is one of the most highly regarded litigators in the county with multinational corporations as his clients. He was counsel to the head of BP America after the explosion of BP's Deep Water Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico. He now represents "Sepp" Blatter, head of FIFA, the governing body for international soccer, who is being investigated by the Swiss and U.S. governments for bribery and corruption.

Cullen is often called upon to conduct confidential investigations to assist corporations in assessing the risk of criminal prosecution or regulatory enforcement. He was Special Counsel to U.S. Senator Paul Trible (R-VA) during the Iran-Contra investigation. He was on George W. Bush's legal team during the recount of the 2000 Presidential election in Florida.

Cullen says that he is very proud of having only practiced in one law firm. "That is becoming more and more rare," he says. McGuire-Woods now has 22 offices in this country and in Europe. Cullen has advised governors of both parties including working with Republican Governor George Allen to abolish parole for violent offenders and Democrat Douglas Wilder on a one-gun-a-month bill to help stop gun trafficking in Virginia. (The General Assembly later repealed this law)

"I would have trouble saying no to a request to serve our country," said Cullen. When asked if he would again be available for public service, he said "I don't anticipate anything like that happening."

Richard Cullen's Class of 1967 will celebrate its 50th anniversary at Reunion 2017.



Above, recent photo of Cullen. Below, at AMA.



MEMBERS OF THE AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame came into existence in 2008 with the first Hall members inducted at the 2008 reunion. Listed herewith are all the Hall members to date with the years of their inductions.

1950-51 basketball team - Players **Bob Camel, Vince Cialini, Vic Bruno, Harry Tull, Ben Angle, Paul Sposito, Al Boynton, Don Thomas, Bob Beaver, John Collins** and **Art Scrivenor**. Managers **Mike Maynard** and **Bill Firebaugh**. Coach **Jerry Claiborne**. (2014)

1969-70 basketball team - Players **Ray Stauffer, Dan Caldarelli, Jerry Collincini, Jim Groate, Baxter Hayes, Fred Lapish, Ray Snapp, Wayne McGowan, Dan Rapp**, and **Doug McMullen**. Managers **Scott Travers** and **Cesar Prieto**. Coach **Jim Hogg** (2010)

Andre Allen, '76 - basketball (2008)

Harold "Bud" Allison, '60 - football (2010)

Ben Angle, '51 - track, lacrosse (2008)

Manuel Balbis, '53 - wrestling (2011)

John Bell, '54 - swimming (2008)

John Botcheller, '67 - baseball, soccer (2015)

Bobby Bowie, '47 - football, baseball, fencing (2013)

Wayne Blaylock, '62 - football, basketball, track (2009)

Earl Cabaniss, '43 - baseball, basketball, football, boxing (2010)

Doug Carter, '72 - football, basketball (2013)

Henley Carter, '65 - football (2009)

Jerry Claiborne - football, basketball coach, National College Football Coach of the Year (2011)

Ernest Click, '48 - swimming (2008)

Tom DeValle, '73 - rifle (2010)

Bill Deuber, '49 - football (2008)

Warren Fleming, '72 - football, basketball (2011)

Nick Forkovitch, '41 - football (2009)

John "Jay" Fox, '53 - swimming (2008)

Bob Gorgrant, '63 - basketball (2008)

Ken Hoke, '54 - football (2014)



Morris Guerrant, '42 - boxing (2008)

Dean Hanson, '63 - rifle (2008)

Colonel Paul Hoover - head coach of many AMA teams (2008)

Bill Hummer, '71 - rifle (2008)

Jerry Izenberg, '48 - sports writer (2008)

Don Johns, '49 - football, baseball, swimming, basketball, track (2009)

M/Sergeant Joe Josephson - basketball, football coach (2009)

Pete Lampman, '65 - basketball (2008)

Mal Livick, Jr., '75 - basketball (2010)

Colonel Mal Livick - coach and sports supporter (2016)

Ray Marcantoni, '70 - football, lacrosse, wrestling (2014)

Captain Peter Morrissey - swim team coach (2015)

Lieutenant General Larry Nicholson, '75 - 1974-75 Athlete of Year (2016) *to be awarded at Reunion 2018*

Dick Nolan, '50 - football, college and NFL coach (2008)

Bill Parkins, '70 - AMA's number one fan (2010)

Mike Payne, '76 - rifle (2013)

Frank Pilley, '51 - tennis (2008)

Bill Ralph - football, basketball coach (2011)

General Charles S. Roller, Jr. - coach, player and father of AMA athletics (2008)

Julian Quarles, '35 - boxing (2008)

Jim Stillwagon, '67 - football (2008)

M/Sergeant Don Studer - rifle coach (2009)

Dr. Meb Turner, '49 - wrestling, football (2009)

Burgess Whitehead, '27 - baseball (2008)

Al Zayas, '72 - lacrosse (2009)

Deadline is 3 February

Nominations are being sought for the 2017 AMA Sports Hall of Fame

Nominations are now being sought for the 2017 Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame, the ninth year of the popular program honoring AMA faculty and cadets who have won athletic glory at AMA and afterwards. The 2017 inductees will be installed during the 2017 reunion at the Saturday 29 April lunch in Memorial Gymnasium.

On the facing page is the list of inductees to date and the year that each entered the Hall. The deadline for nominations to the 2017 Hall is **Friday 3 February 2017**.

A seven judge panel will make the final selections. Past Hall of Famers earned their selections by having performed admirably at AMA as a player or a coach. Others achieved fame in college or in the professional sports or in sports journalism.

The judges are **Phil Bentley, '83, Colonel Mal Livick, Sergeant Don Studer, Doug Carter, '72, Frank Williamson, '60, Brett Thompson, '75, and Nicky Syropoulos, '69.**



Send your nominations to:
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By FAX to: 916/817-8596
By mail: Sports Hall of Fame,
c/o The Bayonet
1687 Schillers Court
Folsom, CA 95630

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2017 TO GIVE THE JUDGES TIME TO MAKE THEIR DECISIONS.

Charleton interns make a positive impact on museum

The **William Charleton, '1915 Internship Program** was created four years ago and looking back it is easy to see the impact the program has made and is making on the work at our AMA Museum.

"We have hosted eight young women to date," says Executive Director **Crysta Stephenson**. "With each year, new projects are created and completed giving the museum new exhibits, expanded documentation and much more in depth research."

Stevenson says that the internship projects are customized to the individuals participating in the program. Some of the interns have been history majors but not all. Interns begin with filing cadet archives and using their inspiration to discover interesting subject matter in the files.

The 2016 interns proved to be no disappointment. From 7 June through 8 August, **Kirsten Lambert** processed 308 items from an archives collection that an alumnus discovered when cleaning out his parents' home last summer. Her work with each document included studying each item for content and creating a museum file on each one describing the item's appearance, size and any damage.

Alexandra Harter rounded out her summer thriving on the documentary evidence found in the cadet files and following up with research on several matters including AMA men who were killed in action in Korea and how a young cadet witnessed but escaped a revolution in his European country to get safely to the United States and to AMA.

The intern program was created by **Helen Charleton** honoring her late husband, William, who passed away in 1988.



Alexandra Harter 2018
University of Richmond



Kirsten Lambert 2018
Bridgewater College

The Silent Auction

Here is the place to find something you didn't know you needed! In past years, we have had airline tickets, weeks at beautiful condos, antique and modern weapons, art, handmade quilts and unique AMA "stuff." Don't you have something to put in this year's auction?

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Make nominations now for 2017 AMA Alumni Medal

Now is the time to make nominations for the AMA Alumni Medals to be awarded at Reunion 2017.

For the past nineteen years, the AMA Alumni Medal has been given to those who have either done some "big" thing for the Alumni Association or the Alumni Foundation, or who have made a major contribution to our mission by a series of smaller actions.

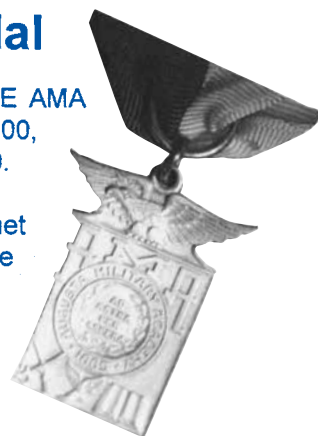
Fifty seven of the 67 medalists have been AMA alumni. Four were faculty members and others include a museum volunteer, a Foundation trustee, a Fort Defiance High School "BFF," our landlord, dear friends from Fishburne Military School and Missouri Military Academy, a Roller family contributor and the producer of *The Bayonet*. Seven medalists have been women.

Send your nomination(s) to: THE AMA ALUMNI MEDAL, P.O. BOX 100, FORT DEFIANCE, VA 24437-0100.

Or e-mail your nomination(s) to: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net

The Medals Selection Committee is chaired by **Blaine Clarke, '72**, and its members are **Steve Trent, '70**, **Rick Smail, '67**, **Steve Traylor, '72**, **Bob Bradford, '50**, and **Frank Williamson, '60**.

All nominations must be received by 3 March 2017. Selections will be announced at the Awards Banquet during Reunion 2017 (Saturday 29 April).



Past recipients of the AMA Alumni Medal

Joseph Salicrup, '31*	Gary Nicholson, '70*
Col. Will Parkins, '35*	Jorge Rovirosa, '70
Julian Quarles, '35*	Steve Trent, '70
Bill Gray, '37*	Garry Granger, '71
Mickey Gordon, '39*	Doug Carter, '72
V. P. Leavel, '39*	Stride Coleman, '72
Bobby Rhea, '47*	Tom DelValle, '72
Paul Bratton, '48*	Steve Pearson, '72*
Ed Chauncey, '49*	Chuck Pennock, '72
Jim Councill, '49	Bruce Strange, '72
Clyde Ramsey, '49	Steve Traylor, '72
Frank Spencer, '49	Brett Thompson, '75
Bob Bradford, '50	Ed Rogerville, '76
Ed Click, '50	Phil Bentley, '83
Jim Starnes, '50*	Norvell West, '84
Hap Starr, '51*	Mrs. Helen Charleton+++
Rod Willey, '51	Chief Chester Cole*
Tommy Simmons, '52*	Dr. Mary DeCredico+
Ozzie Ferro, '53	Rev. Greg Douglas
Ronnie Mahanes, '53*	Chuck Foley^
Bob Harris, '54	Hilton Roller Grasty*
Parker Ward, '54*	Bruce Hemp^^
Goodloe Saunders, '57*	Sgt. Joe Josephson*
Jerry Wildman, '57	John Maragon^^^
Duke Fancher, '58	Sue Messerley ++
Terry Snow, '58*	Coach Bill Ralph*
Dave Conrad, '59	Ruth Rosenthal
George Holt, '60	(Mrs. Howard, '68)
Bill Mariner, '60	Sgt. Don Studer
Luke Snyder, '60	Joyce Zinkhan*
Frank Williamson, '60	(Mrs. Ben, '60)
Ben Zinkhan, '60	
Bruce Nicholson, '62	
Bob Hume, '63	
Greg Pearce, '65	
Mac McInnis, '67	
Rick Smail, '67	
Nicky Syropoulos, '67	
Gordon Metz, '68	
Victor Gomez, '69	
Charlie Pascale, '69	
B. J. d'Orsay, '70	

* Deceased

^ Missouri Military Academy

^^ Fort Defiance High School

^^^ Fishburne Military School

+ Foundation Trustee

++ Mid Valley Press

+++ Wife of William, Class of 1915

Ambassador Hubbard will speak at reunion

Thomas C. Hubbard is the former United States Ambassador to South Korea (2001-2004) and The Philippines (1996-2001) and he will be speaking at the Saturday night dinner during Reunion 2017. A native of Kentucky, Ambassador Hubbard currently is Chairman of the Board of the Korea Society.

He is a member of the American Academy of Diplomacy. He received a BA in political science from the University of Alabama in 1965 and has been awarded honorary degrees from the University of Maryland and the University of Alabama.

Hubbard received the US State Department's Superior Honor Award as well as the Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

He will be introduced by John Botcheller, '67, who served as the Chief Financial Officer and Managing Director of CitiBank, Korea.



Ambassador Thomas Hubbard

Gooch video project continues

Bob Gooch, '70, is continuing to edit the videos he shot at Reunion 2016 and hopes to have a "loop display" ready for Reunion 2017.

"The editing process is moving ahead with some headaches," he says. "I hope to have all my editing done by mid-January and have a three hour loop for display at the reunion plus doing another day of filming on the Saturday of reunion weekend."

Gooch did some fifteen interviews at the 2016 reunion and at the end hopes to have a creditable video history of AMA.

10 Years Ago

2007 reunion to honor AMA's Founder **Professor Charles Roller, Sr.** on the 100th anniversary of his 1907 death.

Plans continue to form the **"New" Roller Rifles** and have them ready to perform at the reunion.

Matt Mitchell, son of **Jim**, '76, became first to accept an AMA scholarship at **Missouri Military Academy**.

State Senator John Chichester, '55, is chosen the President *Pro Tem* of the Virginia State Senate.

Former **Virginia Attorney General Richard Cullen**, '67, selected to head McGuire Woods law firm in Richmond.

AMA Sports Hall of Fame selection committee headed by Ohio State All American **Jim Stillwagon**, '67.

BG Larry Nicholson, '75, to address the Saturday luncheon at reunion.



IN NAPLES, ITALY 24 October 1943, 1LT Julian Quarles, '35, center, with his Company Commander Captain Carl Bayne and SSGT James Jackson. Quarles and Bayne were captured by Nazi troops less than a month after this photo was taken and put aboard a POW train headed for Germany. Quarles and Bayne were able to escape from the train and make their way back to American lines. Only Quarles would survive the war. He passed away at age 99 this past April.

Josh Brolin narrates Barber film

Never Surrender: the Ed Ramsey story produced and directed by **Steve Barber**, '78, premiered to a sold out audience at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in LA on Veterans Day. Josh Brolin narrates the documentary which tells the story of Colonel Edwin Ramsey who lead the last cavalry charge in the history of the US Army. This is the sixth documentary by Barber who lives in Santa Monica. He is kneeling in photo.



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The day of the U-Boat, its Captain and the Master Race



Charles Augusto Santos Buch y Greig graduated from AMA third in his class in 1948. He attended Cornell University and graduated from Harvard with a degree in biochemistry. Returning to Cornell, he graduated from their medical school in 1957 after which he had a distinguished academic career there. He is now a retired Cornell Professor of Pathology. He came to AMA from Santiago, Cuba.



It was a hot October day in Santiago and the early morning was breaking with cloudless bright blue skies that eventful day in 1941. Leaving the massive antique front doors of his father's medical office, nine year old **Charles Santos-Buch**, '48, squinted when he hit the corner of Calvario and Marina Alta on his way to Juan Bautista Sagarra School, already dreading Maranon, his fourth grade teacher. He was sure that he would be called on to answer pointed questions on his reading assignment. Maranon had kept him on his toes lately and he wanted to be sharp.

Santisgueros were on the way to work, walking ever so slowly, many with parasols to fight off the intense radiancy of the day. As usual, the poor swarmed my father begging for a portion of his lunch. Why were there so many poor? Pop had a curt answer: the War. Charles didn't really understand what Pop meant. We had just arrived from a car tour of the East Coast of the United States in June and we had not seen any beggars. When we returned home, the War had taken a turn for the worse for (British Prime Minister) Churchill and his Allies and the U.S. had remained neutral. Then one morning the banner headline in the *Diario de Cuba* of Santiago de Cuba said that France had fallen and was in German hands.

As Charles rounded Reloj Street and crossed in front of the ancient Dolores Church, the bustle of the always busy park suddenly stopped and a growing babble of curious voices made him turn his head. Exiting from Enramadas, the downtown business Main Street, never in groups of less than pairs, were sailors wearing brightly white uniforms. He had never seen such before. They were remarkable for their similar sizes and fitness. Blonde or with black hair and they all seemed to have deep blue eyes. They were a determined and militarized group. In white ducks, caps with blue bands that trailed in two ends neatly hugging the neck and upper back, he recognized the language they were speaking: German! And he heard from a passerby they

had just disembarked from a U-Boat anchored just off the quay.

In class, after the obligatory singing of the Cuban National Anthem, Charles asked Maranon how was it that German sailors were visiting Santiago? What he told the attentive class was more than Charles expected. After all, President Roosevelt had recently provided a number of destroyers to Great Britain and after the fall of France it was headlined in the local papers that the Luftwaffe was bombing London to the ground. British Spitfires and Hurricanes were giving the German onslaught fits and had bloodied the noses of Adolph Hitler and the Commander of the German Air Force, Herman Goering.

It was difficult for us to understand how a German U-Boat had evaded the British blockade and entered Santiago Bay to refuel and reprovision, far from their bases in Kiel and Hamburg. After all, Jamaica, a British Naval Station, was a mere 40 miles south of Santiago. Perhaps they had refueled from a mother ship in the dark. Was Germany bringing the war to us in Cuba?

At home, Dr. Santos-Buch had spread a map of the world on the wall and had placed little German flags with swastikas to show the success of the Nazi blitzkrieg. Mom and Pop listened to the BBC each night and they kept his sister, Enid, well informed. U-Boats in wolf packs had sunk a dreadful tonnage of British ships in convoys protected by corvettes and destroyers, many obtained through President Roosevelt's Lend/Lease Policy.

The swastikas that decorated Pop's map had grown alarmingly and there were few St. George flags to denote British presence. All of this seemed so



German submarines, known as U-boats, sank many thousands of tons of Allied merchant ships between 1940 and 1945.

far away to Charles. Maranon as usual answered students' questions directly and clearly. The all male class of ten year olds admired him and no one ever dared to challenge what he told us. He described how the Captain of the U-Boat had refused the Cuban harbor pilot and had entered the Bay without any assistance. He said the German Captain had maneuvered the U-Boat smartly avoiding the reefs of the Morro Castle Canal and Las Mucaras. The sleek black submarine was anchored near the Michelsen Quay flying the black ensign of the Third Reich Navy with the white cross of the Black Knights.

After the mandatory boarding by Santiago customs officials, permission had been granted for the crew to disembark in rubber auxiliaries to visit Santiago and its parks and beaches. The crew had been briefed by her officers to comport like gentleman and be respectful of the Cuban population. Maranon did not expect any troublemakers or embarrassing incidents between Santiagueros and the sailors. He explained that Cuba was a neutral country and that refueling and provisioning was necessary for the German vessel. After a few questions, the issue was not broached in class again. Predictably Maranon questioned Charles on his home study assignments and he missed two answers but he managed to survive the school day as his mind raced about the submarine and the German sailors.

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You may have known him as Stan Rasbeary

Stan McDonald, '72, is known as "The Texas Chef"

Stanley Loren Rasbeary came to AMA in the Fall of 1969. Born Stan McDonald, he had taken his stepfather's last name but after he died, Stan reverted to McDonald. And he has made another name for himself: The Texas Chef.

Stan was born in Midland, Texas and raised in Fort Worth. His stepdad was a builder and moved the family to Fincastle, VA while doing a construction job in Roanoke. As his stepdad moved from job to job, someone decided that Stan needed some order to his life and that is when he came to Fort Defiance for three years until he graduated in 1972.

Now, he is the author of several cookbooks, has his own web site at The Texas Chef, cooks, invents recipes and manages a small hotel in Big Lake, Texas, his hometown. After AMA, Stan attended Georgia Military College for a year before moving to

Los Angeles where he hoped to pursue an acting or musical career. He was a professional guitar player for fifteen years but said, *"When I reached 40 and hadn't made it, I thought I had better find another vocation."* As do many aspiring actors in Hollywood, he had taken a restaurant job to put food on his table and soon was in the kitchen cooking and experimenting with what have become his



**Stan Rasbeary,
1972 Recall**

signature offerings. His first job as a chef was at a small restaurant near the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. That eventually morphed into his website and the sale of his cookbooks. He travels the state doing book signings, visiting restaurants and promoting Texas cooking. At Thanksgiving, he was featured in the Midland daily paper and on every third Wednesday he has a show on the San Angelo TV station. He recently appeared on *Good Morning, Texas* on Dallas' premier television station.

Stan says that AMA was a great place *"to grow up. I was there from age 16 to 19 and considered Augusta the Cadillac of all the military schools in the area. I didn't know there was an alumni association for a long time but got back in touch through my classmate, Steve Traylor. I made it to the 2012 reunion and hope I can get back again soon. I do love the Shenandoah Valley!"*

Stan's website is at <http://www.thetexaschef.com/> His e-mail address is smcdonald610@yahoo.com.

The Texas Chef

Celebrating the Food and Flavors of Texas

Welcome to The Texas Chef website!

My name is Stan McDonald. I am a chef, cook, philosophizer, traveler extraordinaire, guitar player. I take pictures, I have an old dog name Buddy, I share memories and I am a proud Texan. My family can be traced back in Texas on both my mother's and father's side to right after the civil war. I love Texas and am very proud of its history and culture. I was born in Midland, Texas and raised in Ft Worth Texas.

My grandfather was a cowboy and the ranch manager of place known as The Little Hoss Ranch. It was a real live no kidding working Texas cattle ranch that was about 30 miles south of Ft. Worth, mostly in Johnson county, and it was my second home and to this day when I think of a childhood home I think of the ranch.

I love Texas food and Texas cooking and I love sharing it with everyone I know. This is my world.

THE TEXAS CHEF - Stan McDonald, '72, with his faithful friend for nearly 13 years, Buddy. Sadly, Buddy passed away in October.

US Marine Colonel David Rapp

Many of you will remember Marine Colonel David Rapp who was at AMA as lacrosse coach and head of the language department in 1969 through 1979. Colonel Rapp led Marines in the Inchon invasion during the Korean War. Honored with many awards, Colonel Rapp is now living in a retirement home in Staunton and would very much like hearing from the AMA family.

His mailing address: Baldwin Park, 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton, VA 24401. Phone 540/886-0602



Brett Thompson, '75, is hoping to get lots of Band Company alumni back for the 2017 Reunion. Band members from every class.

If you were in the Band and are coming to the reunion, let Brett know at classicrider@gmail.com.

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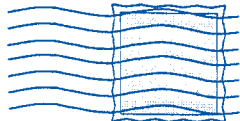
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Letters to the Editor



Distressed to hear about Alex Wattay

It was hard to hear the news that my good friend **Alex Wattay**, '53, had passed away after a valiant fight with cancer. I met him at AMA in 1949 and we were friends ever since. He was a very good man and I will never forget him. God bless him and his family.

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Manuel Balbis, '53
Miami, FL

Wattay was a brilliant individual

Alex was at the very top of our class graduating ahead of all others. Because AMA was an Honor Military School, it was given principal appointments to West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force Academy. Alex had his choice of the three and took the Naval Academy.

He was a brilliant individual and was dedicated to serving his country. I am so glad that I had a chance to know him.

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Lew Mundin, '53
Richmond, VA

Al Wattay was one of a kind

I never knew anyone quite like Al Wattay. This brilliant man could have gone to any of the military academies and he chose, to the Navy's credit, to pick Annapolis.

Many do not know what bravery he exhibited during the Vietnam War. Flying unarmed recon aircraft immediately after a US air strike, he was the much anticipated target of North Vietnamese anti-aircraft fire.

But those dangers faded as he fought the biggest battle of his precious life: a multiyear battle with cancer that seemed to be controlled in one area only to powerfully reassert itself in another part of his body. He never complained and was as much a hero in this final battle as he was in conflict.

Alex was a loyal alumnus who contributed his time, talent and treasure to keep our legacy alive. His expertise in military ceremonial events made him an important advisor when any kind of military ceremony was planned.

God bless him, Diane and all of his family. RIP.

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Bob Bradford, '50
Folsom, CA

Reunion will honor AMA KIAs from World War One - 100 years later

A century after the United States went to war in what later became known as World War One, the eight Augustans who gave their lives in that conflict will be honored at Reunion 2017.

The war began in 1914 but not until a number of bellicose actions by the Germans did the United States enter the war. President Woodrow Wilson asked for a declaration of war and Congress declared war in April of 1917.

On the following three pages there are thumbnail sketches of these brave men. These AMA and American heroes will be remembered at Founder's Day ceremonies on Saturday 29 April as will **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.** who served in the Army Ambulance Corps in France during the last year of the war.

Roller Riders post reunion ride

Attention, bikers! Another post reunion trip is planned by the Roller Riders on trails through Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. "The weather is usually wonderful at this time of year and a good time to see some of the prettiest scenery in the country," says organizer **Rick Smail**, '67, who will be coming all the way from Utah. Tentative plans call for the Riders to leave the AMA campus around midday on Sunday 30 April, the last day of Reunion 2017. If you want to take part, contact Rick at: ricksmail@earthlink.net.

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Eight AMA men gave their lives in World War One – "the war to end all wars"

The plaque pictured here used to hang in the Front Arch. It honored an octet of heroes who were killed in action in "The Great War," as it was called then in 1914-1918. Later, it became known as "The World War," and after 1942, "The First World War."

Art Hurme, '61, has done a mammoth amount of investigation to see what we know about the eight Augustans who perished in World War One. We are grateful to Art for the time and energy he expended in research in spite of the fact that there is a paucity of information easily available about these men 90 plus years after they died.

Some 80 per cent of all military records from this time period were destroyed in a fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis and Art points out that record keeping then was in no way similar to the way military personnel records are preserved today.

We are hoping that there will be *Bayonet* readers who will recognize a family name or a relative and who will be able to tell us more about the serviceman killed so long ago in Europe.

America goes to war

World War One began in 1914 and in spite of many vexations that could have brought the United States into the war much earlier, President Wilson resisted until he could do so no longer. In January of 1917, Germany had announced unrestricted submarine warfare against any ship headed to England and soon after German U-boats began attacking American vessels. This, combined with the discovery of the so-called "Zimmerman telegram" which advised the German ambassador to Mexico to offer Mexico portions of the Southwest it had lost to the U.S. in the 1840s if Mexico would enter the war on Germany's side, created the situation where a declaration of war was unavoidable. So, America went to war on 6 April 1917.

The History of Augusta County tells the story that on a spring day in 1918 (it might have been 1917), **Major Charles Roller, Jr.** – the Big Boy – parked "his big car at Hogshead's Drugstore (in Staunton) and fired several pistol shots in the air. A crowd gathered and he introduced Judge Henry Holt and together they exhorted the assembled citizenry to buy Liberty Bonds to support the war effort."

Many single AMA faculty members resigned to volunteer for military service and AMA's senior class took over the teaching of classes whose teachers had left. More than 500 AMA alumni are believed to have served in World War One.

The Roller brothers – **Colonel Tom Roller** and Major

Charles – decided that one of them should enter the service while the other stayed behind to run the school. Colonel Tom's daughter, the late **Hilton Roller Grasty** heard that her Dad and "Major" drew straws to see who would go and who would stay. It was Major Charles who went, a captain in the American Red Cross Ambulance Corps, attached to the 89th Division in France. He was there when the war ended on 11 November 1918. Later when

an AMA boy would visit his home at White Hall, Major/Colonel/General Roller would shake a canteen so that water he collected from the Meuse River on the day the war ended could be heard sloshing about in its sealed container.

Colonel Tom ran the school while Major Roller was away. The 1917 yearbook was a much reduced publication (only 5" X 8") with the notation, "There's a war on!" When the war ended, ROTC came to Augusta and the school continued to grow in favorable estimations.

Hoping for help

The eight AMA men killed in the war are profiled in this issue. As we previously stated, we are hoping that some of our readers will be able to add something to what we know about these fellows. Perhaps a family member will either recall some information or can go to family records to see what can be ascertained about their relative. Or maybe

there are other ideas about how to get more data on these folks. What we print here is the result of a lot of effort by Art Hurme but is only skimming the surface. Says Art, *"The people at the World War One Memorial and Research Library in Kansas City told me how many people come there and are frustrated in their research on WW I ancestors."* So, we cling to the thin reed of hope that some of our readers can help to flesh out what we know about these men who, as our plaque says, "For us, for their country, for the World with loftiest courage in glorious death went henceforth unto life everlasting." Half of those killed were in the 80th Blue Ridge Division which was formed in August of 1917 at Camp Lee (later Fort Lee) and was composed mainly of men from Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania (hence the three mountains on the shoulder patch). This division sent 23,000 men to France in June of 1918. To learn more about the 80th Division, consult *History of the Eightieth Blue Ridge Division in World War I A.E.F.*, original manuscript by Russell Stultz, Division Historian, 1946, revised by Bill Krenbiel, 2003.



Jay Frank Clemmer, Jr., '14
Middlebrook, Virginia

Clemmer attended Augusta for two years – 1911-1913 – and dropped out because of illness.

He served in the 80th Division as a lieutenant and died from wounds on 18 September 1918 less than eight weeks before the Armistice.

His father owned a residence and a distillery in Augusta County. His brothers – **Letcher P. Clemmer**, **Thomas F. Clemmer** and **William L. Clemmer** – also attended AMA.



Elliott Muse Braxton, Jr., '13
Newport News, Virginia

Another member of the 80th Division, Braxton likely was a lieutenant of infantry, but that cannot be confirmed. We do know that he was killed in action in 1918. At AMA, he was a sergeant in B Company, a substitute end on the football team and played basketball for two years.



Elliott Braxton, Jr.

His father – Elliott Muse Braxton, Sr. – was a United States Congressman who represented Virginia's 7th Congressional District. A major in the Confederate Army, he is buried in the Fredericksburg Confederate Cemetery.



Lloyd Braxton Liebler, '13
Brooklyn, New York and Portsmouth, Virginia

We have only unverified data on Liebler. We believe that he was born 25 November 1896 and that he was a second lieutenant assigned to Company H, 320th United States Infantry, in France.

While serving in the capacity of Acting Intelligence Officer, he was killed in action in the Argonne Forest on 11 October 1918 – one month exactly before the war ended.

Our information shows that his body was brought back to the United States and that he is buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.

The officials at ANC are seeking additional information about Liebler.



Herbert S. Richey, '07
Fort Defiance, Virginia

Much of what we know about Richey comes from his nephew **Herb Richey, '40**. Herb provided us these details of his uncle's death:

"My uncle was a first lieutenant in the Army in charge of a Black company. Near the end of the war in 1918 some Germans crawled through 'no man's land' to warn the American troops that there would be a heavy barrage the next morning. Uncle Herbert moved his men back about three miles but then found that his cook was missing. He went back to get him and both were killed in the artillery barrage."



Herbert Richey, Class of 1907

The picture, above, was returned to AMA from VMI in 2006. *"The picture hung in the O.D. Room from about 1919 until it was removed after World War Two,"* Herb says. Richey had sailed to France in September of 1917 and went to the front in the Troyen Sector. He was wounded and died of his wounds on 19 April 1918.



Richard J. Howard, '09
St. Louis, Missouri



Richard Howard

Howard attended AMA for two years – 1907-1909 but little else is known of his Augusta days since there was no yearbook published in 1909.

Howard was serving as a second lieutenant in the Black Watch, British Royal Army, serving with Canadian troops, when he was killed in action in France.



From the 1920 Recall

To the memory of Augusta's sons who kept the rendezvous with death on land and sea and in the air, in the Great War for freedom this volume of the Recall is proudly dedicated

Thomas Detwine Amory, '10
Wilmington, Delaware

There was no yearbook in 1910 so we don't know anything about Cadet Amory's activities at AMA.

A second lieutenant in the 26th Infantry – Pershing's 100 – Amory advanced two kilometers into enemy territory on a reconnaissance mission. Finding his patrol almost surrounded, he fought on despite fatal wounds and drove the enemy from a pivotal position.

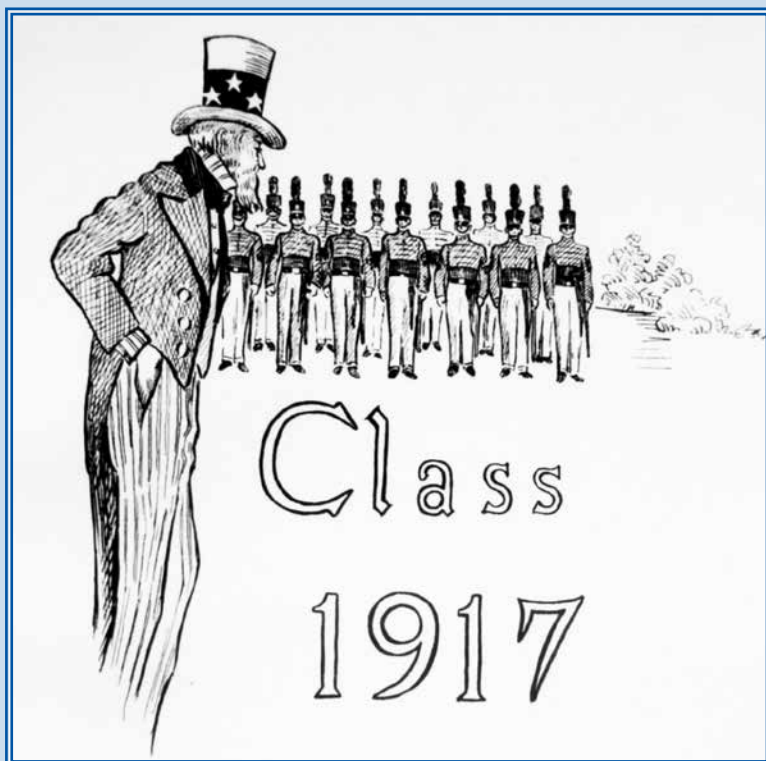
He received the nation's second highest decoration – the Distinguished Service Cross.



William Filler Welch, '11
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Welch was Captain of B Company, President of the Tennis Club, Final Term Secretary of the Literary Society, played football and was the Salutatorian of his class.

His family was from Mexico and he attended AMA 1907-1911. There are no details about where he served nor how or when he died. The 1920 *Recall* said only "Died in service." There are a number of William F. Welchs listed as participants in the war but with no way of telling which one was our man.



UNCLE SAM is shown looking approvingly at the 1917 AMA senior class from that year's *Recall*. In the Spring of 1917, the United States had gone to war.



CAPTAIN CHARLES S. ROLLER, JR. in his uniform from the First World War. He was assigned to the 320th Infantry Division, Ambulance Corps. As such, he was often in the midst of whatever action was taking place.

John "Jack" Kirkpatrick, '09
Lynchburg, Virginia

Kirkpatrick served in the 80th Division, a second lieutenant of artillery.

The records of Washington and Lee University show that he died on the day the Armistice was declared – 11 November 1918 – of wounds previously received.

The W&L record says he was wounded in the "Sedam" Campaign. In fact, it was the Sedan Campaign in the heavily forested region in northern France on the Meuse River border with Belgium.

We believe that **Charles S. Roller, Jr.** was in the same vicinity when the war ended.

Distinguished AMA graduate

By Morgan Liddick

Charles Nelson Hulvey graduated from Augusta Military Academy in 1904. A native of Sweetwater, Tennessee, he spent two years at AMA beginning in 1902. His grades in all subjects showed a fine intellect with scores ranging between 92 and 98 out of 100. He received an award for distinction in English grammar and rhetoric in 1903.

After graduating from Augusta, Hulvey enrolled in Sweetwater College and graduated with an AB degree in 1906. He then enlisted in the US Army and attended the Army Graduate Service School in Oklahoma City from which he graduated in 1911 with LL.M and Juris Doctor degrees. In 1912, he was promoted to captain in Company A of the Third Tennessee Infantry and went on to become Commandant of the Tennessee Military Institute. Later in a convoluted process the Third Infantry became the 59th Brigade of the 30th Division, USAR, in 1916. He was promoted to major and went on active duty in 1917.



Major Charles N. Hulvey, 1904

(We do not know where Major Hulvey served during the First World War 1917-18. In July of 1975, a fire destroyed 16-18 million Military Personnel Files, among them likely the file of the major. If he stayed in the 59th Brigade, he would have been involved in the breaking of the so called "Hindenburg Line" in October of 1918, just before the Armistice on 11 November)

NC State, then the University of Virginia

In 1919, Major Hulvey became the Commandant of Cadets at North Carolina State through the intervention of Senator Lee Overman of North Carolina, apparently an acquaintance. He kept this post for three years during which time he became a founding member of the American Legion and was the Secretary of State for Tennessee.

In 1924, Hulvey became an Assistant Professor of Commercial Law at the University of Virginia McIntire School of Law. By 1927, he was a much sought after speaker on economics and an essayist for a number of national periodicals.

One of the earliest existing examples of his works is an October 1927 speech to a group of realtors in Charlottesville in which he outlined the need for ethical dealing and trust among all parties in a business transaction.

This emphasis on the social aspects of commerce is a feature of many of his later articles, beginning with "Commentary on 'A New Labor Policy for the South'" published in the *American*

Federationist in December 1930. *The Federationist* was the house organ of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and Hulvey's article was a critique of the "Open Shop."

Professor Hulvey also wrote a number of research monographs. His first was "The Laws of Virginia as They Apply to the Farmer" (1924) published by the UVA Extension Service. His later works concentrated on economic topics, including life insurance in Virginia and a treatise on workers compensation (then called *Workman's Compensation*).

Hulvey authored several economics books including "Commercial Law for Students in Schools of Business Administration (1926)," "Solutions and Discussions of the Problems in Commercial Law (1930)," *The Mathematics of Finance* (1934) and "Commercial Law (published posthumously in 1939)".

In 1930, he was elected President of the American Business Law Association.

The professor died suddenly in 1937 at age 52. He was survived by his wife, Pearl, and two children, John and Elizabeth, both born in Augusta County.



Morgan Liddick is a former community college professor of history. He has taken on a year long project to catalog all of the items in the AMA Museum, a project funded by Nancy and John Botcheller, '67.

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Lieutenant General Larry Nicholson, '75, USMC, and his wife Debby, right, welcome AMA Alumni Medal winner and Stuart Hall grad Bruce Hemp to Camp Foster, Okinawa. Nicholson is Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Japan.



AMA ALUMNI purchased the welcome mat, below, and the plaque, above, honoring Joyce Zinkhan, Ben's beautiful wife who gave so much to AMA.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ruth, '66, stopped by AMA to do some PX shopping on their way to Florida. They live in Allentown, PA.



Al Smith, '66, is from Fairlawn just outside Radford. Al funded a full Legacy Scholarship last year.



In case you wonder how often Ben Zinkhan, '60, is at our museum, these pictures taken on different days in different weeks give photographic evidence of his commitment. Above, right, Ben with Jack McEwan, '61, from Orlando. Below that is a photo of Ben with his classmate Ron Mackey, '60, who visited the museum for the first time. He and Ben played football together. Above, Collen (Mrs. Jim, '73) Atkinson brought her daughter and son-in-law to the museum with John Mayne, '60.



German U-Boat from page 19

Out of breath, Charles ran into his father's front office almost staggering into his waiting patients, excited to bring in the news. But he noticed his father's secretary's alarmed face as he held her finger to her mouth. At that, Charles meekly entered the interior patio of the 300 year old colonial home.

Dr. Santos-Buch was busy with his patients so Charles ran into his Mother's arms and kissed her excitedly while describing the arrival of the German mariners. But she was not happy so Charles quieted down. As only she could, Herminia icily described that England and Scotland were at war with Germany.

She reminded Charles that her father and his namesake, Charles, was from Aberdeenshire, Scotland. She said that Germany was evil and that she suspected that the war would touch us in Cuba. The good looking sailors who Charles had admired were our enemies!

Father will be different, he thought. He had overheard family discussions of the war and several of them spoke eloquently, he believed, arguing in favor of Hitler's successes. Mom had steadfastly defended Churchill and England. Pop had been sort of neutral, sort of, mind you. He had said that he would support President Roosevelt to the end. And Dr. Santos-Buch was a man of his word.

Charles' sister wandered into the gallery and listened as Herminia broke the unexpected news. The German captain had seen their father's Germanic name on the bronze plaque at the front door and had come inside to talk with him. The German surname Buch alerted him and he wished to meet the family. The doctor invited the captain to a formal dinner that evening at seven sharp.

The children were to be at the dinner and had to be on their best behavior. Charles' grandmother, Adolfinia, the Scot's widow, excused herself to visit with her other daughter, Lizzie. Charles wondered, "What is going on? Why did Pop invite Mom's enemy to dinner?" Maybe after dinner when the children were excused from the table, they could put two and two together. Enid was the wiser and she would be able to explain.

It was a memorable dinner for the two children and an awkward situation for Herminia, the daughter of a McGregor. The civilized captain of the U-Boat, both polite and somewhat arrogant in full dress white uniform and the Iron Cross around his neck, brought the conversation to the responsibility of persons of Germanic origin such as ours to take over the political leadership during the coming of the Third Reich's World Order. He spoke with daring certainty and if he had not impressed the parents he left his mark on the children who never forgot the event.

Charles noted the controlled anger in Herminia's face but no one else seemed to care what was being said. Dr. Santos-Buch was impassive and listened seriously to the spokesman for the Master Race. Then, the children were excused and sent off to bed.

What is a "Master Race" anyway? Charles did not sleep at all that night. He had Maranon tomorrow and he was not prepared for what he knew would be his probing questions. Charles had noticed the barely repressed anger in his mother's voice. On her return, Adolfinia was doing a slow burn.

The subject of the master race was never raised again by Mom or Pop.

Cuba was the only Latin America country to declare war on Germany, Italy and Japan during World War II. In May of 1943, a Cuban flag sub was able to overturn a German spy boat. Ernest Hemingway was living in Cuba at the beginning of the war and he organized to root out Nazi spies operating in Havana.

Junior ROTC has fewer schools

Ed Rogerville, '76, and Frank Williamson, '60, have done some research on other military academies and schools and have come up with some interesting facts.

Hargrave never has had a Junior ROTC unit though they have been offered that program on several occasions. Fork Union had a Junior ROTC program from 1919 until 1965 but dropped out when Federal anti discrimination laws came into being.

St. Benedictine College Preparatory School in Richmond is discontinuing its Junior ROTC program "because the government targets an academic level below the Benedictine population (and) encourages cadets to enlist in the military immediately after graduation rather than continuing on to college." The school pointed out that in recent years, the Federal government has reduced drastically its financial support for military schools participating in the JROTC program.

As was reported in the last issue, there was a Hoover Military Academy in Staunton in the late 1800s! No kin to Colonel Hoover that we have discovered. Rogerville says that Hoover MA and Augusta Male Academy played a baseball game on 7 October 1882 which Augusta won 39-10. A real pitchers' duel!

MEDICAL NEWS FROM FLORIDA - Al Zayas, '72, had a mild stroke in the fall, then suffered a massive heart attack while he was in the hospital. They did an emergency quadruple bypass and he is recuperating at home. E-mail: SecMiaExtreme@aol.com.

Manuel Balbis, '53, had bypass surgery as well during the summer. He is doing well and attended a Halloween Day lunch with other AMA alumni (See page 29). Email: mbalbis@aol.com.

Thanks to Jorge Roviroso, '70, for this report.

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HALLOWEEN HOMBRES - Lunching together at the Havana Harris Restaurant in Coral Gables on Halloween were amigos Manuel Balbis, '53, Jorge Rovirosa, '70, and Juan Santalo, '51.



WINTER WONDERLAND - The great Old Lady stands proudly looking out over the snow covered drill field. But snow or no snow, the Sunday Parade would go on!



TOM BARNES, '72 - Tom is the Land Officer for EC Source Services in Las Vegas.



30TH ANNIVERSARY - Ruth and Howard Rosenthal, '68, celebrated their 30th anniversary with a fall cruise through Maritime Canada where they honeymooned. The crew presented them with a cake.



VENEZUELAN - Vito Fortunado, '80, and his wife, Adriana, with Museum Docent Ben Zinkhan, '60. Vito was from Los Teques, Venezuela when he attended AMA. They now live in Pflugerville, TX.



AHOY! - Rick Smail, '67, was at the helm of a Caribbean adventure with Gordon Metz, '68, their wives and two other couples in October.



FIRST TIME BACK IN 36 YEARS - Tony Chopitea, '80, with his family: Drina, Jose and Tatiana - back at AMA for the first time since he graduated. Tony was Captain of B Company his senior year. Sergeant Studer was visiting the museum at the time and sneaked into the photo. Tony and his family live in Madrid, Spain, his boyhood home.



DONATED SPRINGFIELD - Brett DeCesari, '72, has donated a Springfield .03 to the AMA Museum. Here on the porch of the museum is Brett with Ellen McLaughlin and Tom and Sue O'Malley. Decesari lives in Toms River, NJ. Thanks, Brett!

With the erection of a "For Sale" sign on our campus, questions have arisen about having the AMA Alumni Foundation purchase the property.

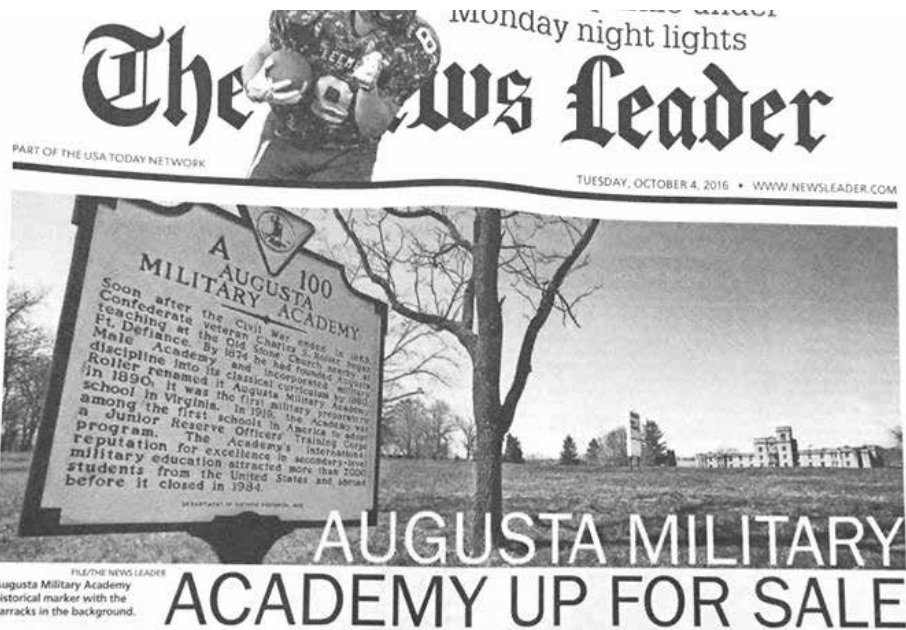
The owners have listed the purchase price at \$4.65 million. Says Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke**, "As much as we would like to preserve the grounds intact as our school campus, unfortunately we simply do not have the resources to enter into any meaningful negotiations. We do not have cash available. We do not have the financial standing needed to incur such a debt."

Clarke emphasized that above whatever purchase price might be set the fact is that major expenditures would be required to renovate Big Barracks.

In addition, the Maintenance and care for the AMA campus would be a full-time undertaking including mowing, weed control, snow removal, leaf disposal and the like.

"And that covers only the maintenance of the grounds," Clarke says. "The buildings on the campus need constant attention plus we have to keep the lights on and purchase water. We are just not in a position to take on such a gigantic task."

"Our focus will be to continue to run a first-rate small museum on the property and maintain a positive relationship with our current landlord, hoping that if the property sells we can have a productive relationship with the new owners and stay in the old Roller House."



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FORT DEFIANCE - A large, haunting building that sits just off of U.S. 11 could be yours for the sum of more than \$4.6 million.

The former Augusta Military Academy is for sale, which includes the former barracks, the academy's museum, a caretakers house and 45 acres of land, to name a few. Listed as the Augusta Camp and Conference Center, the property could be used to as such.

The property is currently zoned as general agriculture, according to John Wilkinson, director of the Augusta County Community Development Department.

"They could keep buildings on there, they could farm it or live in it," he said of whoever buys it.

property could be rezoned as medium density residential, Wilkinson said. Anyone who purchases that plot could apply for rezoning, which would allow for three to four homes per acre — potentially allowing for nearly 180 homes.

Augusta Military Academy or AMA, was established in 1865 and closed in 1984. The property has been for sale for almost a month.

Mike O'Donnell of CBRE Charlottesville, the realtor for the property, said he's had a number of inquiries on the property.

"We've had some inquiries on a bunch of different possibilities," O'Donnell said. "Most of the buildings have been remodeled completely, with the exception of the barracks."

See Augusta, Page 2A



An eagle located above the entrance to barracks building on what was once Augusta Military Academy. The school's former campus and the surrounding property is for sale for more than \$4.6 million.

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The Board of Trustees discussed the matter at length at its meeting during Reunion 2016. After much discussion, the proposal was adopted without a negative vote.

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If you wish to subscribe, send your \$25 check made payable to the AMA Foundation, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100. Indicate on the check that it is for "Bayonet subscription."

Joe Goldberg, '71, is living in Baltimore and has been married for 30 years to his second wife. He is a contractor and landscaper and hosts a car show in the Baltimore area to raise money for veterans who have or need prosthetics. He plans to be at Reunion 2017! Thanks to Garry Granger, '71, for this information.



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SPOTLIGHT on Mike Hall, '76

By Ruth (Mrs. Howard, '68) Rosenthal

If you have visited the AMA Museum on a Saturday, you may have met the alumnus we are SPOTLIGHTing in this issue. He is **Mike Hall** (sometimes listed as Brian Hall in AMA yearbooks) who attended fifth and sixth grades at Augusta from the fall of 1974 until spring of 1976. While he only attended Augusta for two years, the school made a lasting impression on him and he continues to stay involved with AMA by volunteering at the Museum.

Mike grew up in the Waynesboro area, attending public schools there until a school field trip got him interested in attending military school. He came home and talked with his father and mother, and while his mother was not all for it, his father thought it was a great idea. Ultimately, the decision was for him to try fifth grade at AMA.

At that time, a special reading class was being offered by **Captain Ridge** and this and other opportunities made attending AMA the right choice for Mike. In the fall of 1974, Mike entered J Barracks but it was not an easy year for him since his parents separated that year. Mike did spend a fulfilling year at AMA and came back the second year as a Day Student.

He played lacrosse and fenced when **Colonel Hoover** made that available.

He was promoted to corporal by the time he left school in 1976.

Yes, he ran the Bowl a few times, including punishment for leaving the campus on a Sunday. He ran from the front of Big Barracks to the Blue Ridge Apartments in Verona, a distance of some three miles. **Lieutenant West** found him and brought him back to school and Mike remembers the experience as more of a learning one than a disciplinary one. Later, Mike got in trouble in the Big Room study hall when a teacher thought he was throwing spit balls when he was only playing with airborne pieces of paper.

However, memories of disciplinary incidents were just a drop in the bucket compared to the positive memories Mike has retained over the years. He particularly enjoyed the rifle range, the

swimming pool and joining the guys in visiting "Mom." He was confused when his friends first asked him to accompany them in a visit to "Mom," but quickly learned that "Mom" was



Cadet Mike Hall in 1975



Mike and Michelle Hall

the friendly lady who ran the PX. He also remembers the barber shop, Shipplett's Cleaners, the bowling alley and the pool table area but his favorites were the swimming pool and the rifle range.

He credits AMA with getting him started collecting stamps which he continued to do until he went to high school. As others before him have found, AMA was more than just a school. It was a brotherhood and it didn't matter what year you were there or where you lived, once you were at AMA you had an instant bond with anyone who ever attended.

After AMA, Mike went to R.E. Lee High School in Staunton graduating in 1982. Soon after high school, he married and they had a child. He joined the National Guard in 1987 and was called to active duty in 1994. He was

assigned to Fort Bragg but discharged in 1996 after suffering a neck injury. He stayed in North Carolina for five years after his discharge and now lives in Staunton where he is a Compliance/Safety Officer for the State of Virginia.

He currently teaches a class in flagging at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. He has remarried and he and his wife, Michelle, have six children ranging from 18 to 33. Incidentally, Mike and Michelle have two girls and a boy each and there are seven grandchildren to make life more interesting.

Now that you know Mike Hall, I hope you will say hello to him the next time you see him at the Museum, at the Reunion or around the Staunton area.



In the ancient Greek-Persian War fought nearly 500 years before Christ was born, a small Spartan force of 300 held off thousands of Persians for three days at the Battle of Thermopylae.



In the Bible (Judges 7:7), the Lord told Gideon to reduce his forces to 300 and he would triumph over his adversary.

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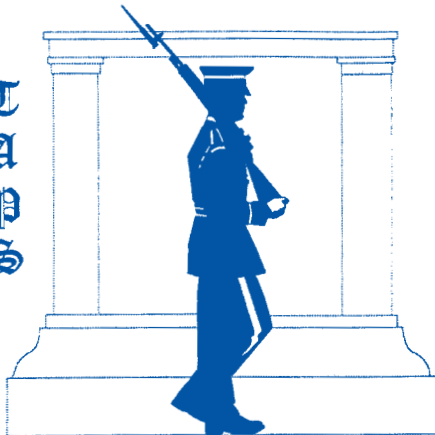
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By now you should have received a personal First Class letter from our Executive Director, Crysta Stephenson. The names on this list (through the last day of November) covered about 70 per cent of our annual budget.

If you have not responded affirmatively to her letter, please do so now! We don't want to run a deficit!

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Winston S. Craun, '42

11 June 2016, at home in Mount Sidney, 90. A disabled veteran of World War II. Retired from American Safety Razor after 30 years. Volunteered at Meals on Wheels. Survived by his daughter, Dianne Craun Steriff; a granddaughter, Bridgett Crawford; a grandson, Anthony Steriff, and two great-granddaughters, all of Mount Sidney. At AMA: Day student.

David W. Gardner, '46

28 September 2015, Terra Alta, WV. He and his wife, Nancy, had been married for 65 years. Federal government employee for 36 years. Made golf clubs for clients including the Washington Redskins. Survived by his wife; children Charles, Rick, Liza and Kathleen; eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. At AMA: Private, D Company.

Colonel Samuel Glenn Conley, '47

No details. Lived in Sierra Vista, AZ. He had been diagnosed with unilateral left vocal chord paralysis in 2014 as reported by his wife, Terry. Attended William and Mary for a year, then went on to West Point being commissioned in the Army in 1955. Army

Flight School, Master Army Aviator. Commanded 611th Army Aircraft Maintenance Company in Vietnam. On second Vietnam tour, commanded 147th Assault Support Helicopter Company. Later Commander of 28th Infantry Battalion. Served four years in Force Development at the Pentagon and four years as Deputy Chief for Army Operations. After service in Europe, became the Project Director in the Army's first Communications Command. Retired after 30 years as full colonel. At AMA: Captain, E Company; fencing; baseball; tennis; track; Honor Committee; *Ad Astra per Aspera*.

Colonel/Dr. Harley F. Hope, Jr., '47

9 November 2016, in hospice, Tampa, FL, 86. West Virginia University and Doctorate of Dental Medicine from the University of Louisville. Full colonel in the US Air Force, retiring after 26 years. While in the service, he attended Ohio State where he earned a degree in prosthodontics. After retirement he served as Director of Dental Hygiene at St. Petersburg Junior College and was in private practice in Tampa for several years. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Jean; his daughter, Gayle Toselli of Allentown, PA; sons, Dr. Timothy Hope of Ocala, FL and Harley, III, of Tampa; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. At AMA: 1LT, Band Company; Vice President, Cotillion Club; President, YMCA; co-captain, JV basketball.

Winston Earl Lora, '49

28 October 2016, Medford, OR, 85, of post operative complications following open heart surgery. US Air Force pilot 1953-56. BA from Ohio Wesleyan and



Sam Conley, '47



Harley Hope, '47

MS in education from Kent State. Taught for 38 years in Ohio, California and Oregon, retiring to Medford in 1997. Survived by his wife, Cynthia; four children from a previous marriage Elizabeth Delgado, Neil Lora, Sarah Kateley and Phillip Lora; and seven grandchildren. At AMA: 2LT, B Company; Roller Rifles.



Win Lora, '49

Edmund C. Glover, III, '50

14 July 2016, Chapel Hill, NC, 85. Joined the Navy after graduating from AMA, then graduated with a degree in pharmacy from the Medical College of Virginia (now Virginia Commonwealth University). Owned and operated a pharmacy in Clarksville, VA for 35 years before retiring to Chapel Hill in 1985. Survived by his wife of 63 years, Jean Marie and two daughters, Jean Ruth and Lisa Lang. At AMA: SFC, A Company; Roller Rifles; fencing; and intramurals. Reported by **Susan Yates, SH**.



Ed Glover, '50

Captain Silas O. Nunn, '52

25 July 2016, Arlington, VA, 79. US Naval Academy, 1959. MS in oceanography. Commanded two combat vessels, the escort destroyer *USS Dealey* and the guided missile destroyer *USS Coontz*. For five years manager of Navy Shipbuilding Appropriations during the buildup of the 600 ship Navy. Legion of Merit. After retirement he was employed by both Raytheon and Textron and was Vice President of the Shipbuilders Council of America. Army-Navy Country Club. Survived by his wife, Donna; daughter Catherine;



Silas Nunn, '52

sons Hugh and John; and six grandchildren. At AMA: New cadet, Private, B Company; varsity football trainer; Honor Roll. Reported by **Greg Duran, '73**, who was under Captain Nunn's command on the *Coontz*.

Commander Alexander Wattay, '53
31 May 2016, at home on Hilton Head Island, SC, 81, after a long illness. He had principal appointments to all three service academies and chose the Naval Academy from which he graduated in 1957. Flew unarmed recon jets during the Vietnam War. Had career with American Airlines where he was a captain by the time of his retirement in 1995. Retired from Naval Reserve as a Commander in 1978. Commander, American Legion Post 185 in Hilton Head. Active member of the Navy League, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Led the effort to build and maintain a veterans' memorial on Hilton Head Island. Survived by his wife of 56 years, Diane Barclay Wattay; two sons, Alex, Jr., who served as a Marine officer; and Ross whose Army unit was the first into Kuwait during Desert Storm; a grandson, Josh, and a granddaughter, Naomi. *(Inurnment at the Arlington National Cemetery will take place on Monday 27 February. Those attending should be at the ANC Administration Building by 10 AM)* At AMA: Five year cadet; graduated first in his class; 1LT, Headquarters Company; Honor Roll; varsity football; lacrosse; wrestling; Roller Rifles.



Alex Wattay, '53

Julian "Butter" Byrd, '57
4 June 2016, Oakland Park, FL, 78. Served in the US Army. Made his career as a model, actor and stuntman performing in countless national commercials including Budweiser, DeBeers Diamonds, Lipton Tea, Viceroy cigarettes and Eastern Airlines. 1972 Dania Jai-alai tournament champion. Survived by his wife of 43 years, Mary Louise; daughters, Cindy Atkinson and Ashley Charles; four grandchildren; siblings, Sara Belle Worsham, Keene Byrd, '59, Amelia Keyser, Johannah Byrd Harrison and Mary Andrea Byrd. At AMA: 2LT, Headquarters Company; varsity football; varsity basketball; weightlifting; Cotillion Club; Final Ball Committee; Honor Committee; Roller Rifles.

Julian "Butter" Byrd, '57

William R. Knox, Jr., '61
10 April 2010, Charleston, WV. Baseball coach. His father was William R. Knox, Sr., '42. Survived by his wife of 50 years, Judy. At AMA: Private, E Company; basketball; baseball.

Edward E. Burton, '61
4 September 2016, Keyser, WV, after a long illness with COPD. US Marine Corps. A native of Norfolk, he spent most of his life in Virginia Beach where he was a police officer and detective for two decades. Later, he was Chief of Police in Westport, MD for three years. Survived by his wife of 52 years, two children and four grandsons. At AMA: 1LT, F Company; Roller Rifles; co-captain, rifle team; Cotillion Club; Senior Class Vice President; Honor Committee; Decorating Committee. Reported by **Luke Snyder, '60**.

Manuel de la Concha, '62
18 May 2016, Cancun, Mexico, where he was living as an exile from his native Venezuela. No other details are available.

George Nathaniel Thrift, Jr., '64
4 August 2016, Los Angeles, 69. U S N a v y . Originally from Richmond, he toured as an audio man with



"Butter" Byrd, '57

Manuel de la Concha, '62



Manuel de la Concha, '62



George Thrift, '64

The Turtles and other musical groups, later working as a computer consultant. Survived by his two brothers, Barry and Donald. Interred at Hollywood Cemetery. At AMA: Private, D Company; Honor Roll. Reported by **Susan Yates, SH**.

John S. Trowbridge, '65
8 December 2014, Lockport, NY. No details. At AMA: Private, B Company, tennis.

Paul Charles Baker, '65

16 August 2016, Lexington, VA, 70. Survived by his wife, Judy; sons, Chuck and Jeff; five grandchildren; and a brother, Tommy. At AMA: SGT, C Company; JV basketball; golf; Roller Rifles.



Paul Baker, '65

Allen W. Gregory, '66
29 May 2015, Richmond, VA. No details available. At AMA: 1LT, Headquarters Company; Honor Committee; Privilege List.

Robert L. Knapp, '74
21 June 2013, Chesapeake, VA. Employed at Lyon Shipyard in Norfolk. Survived by his wife of 31 years, Barbara, five children and eight grandchildren. At AMA: Attended 9th grade; Private, F Company.

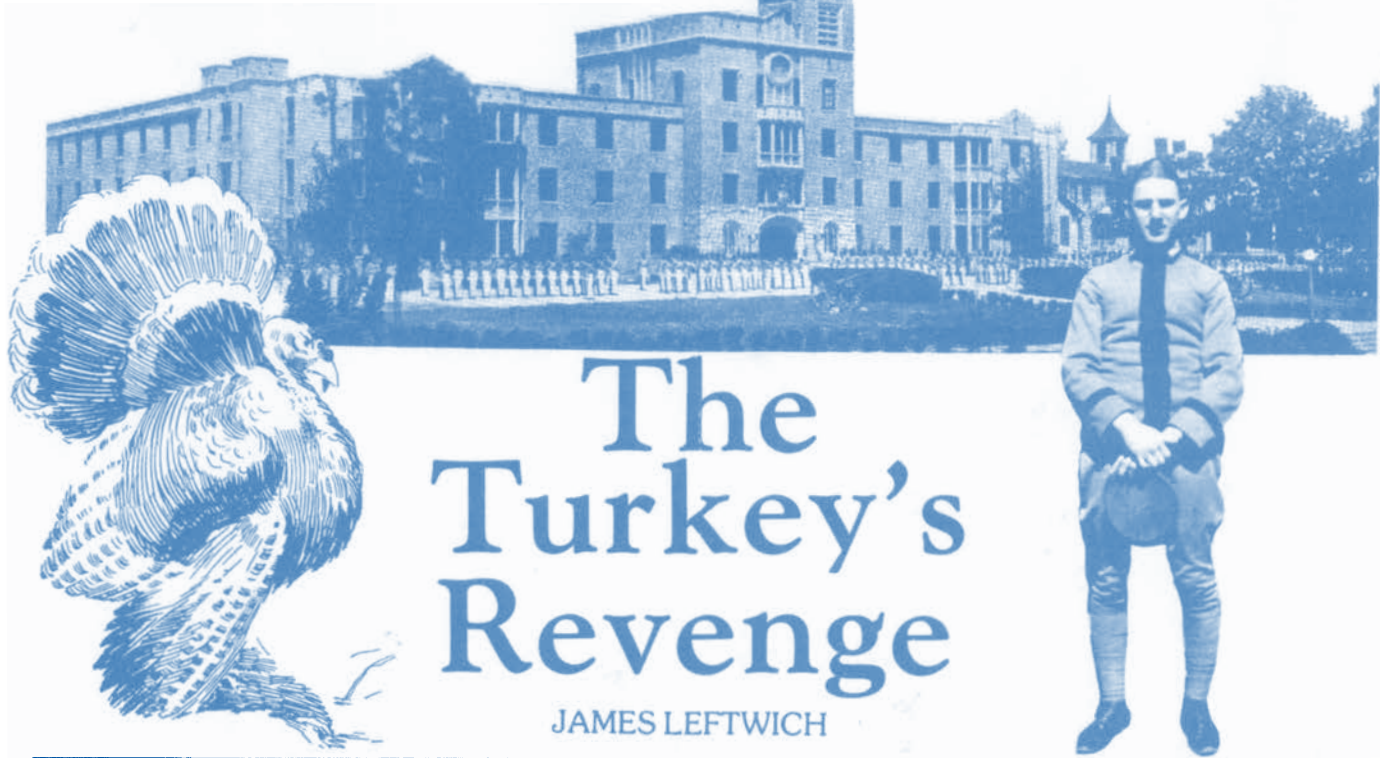
Gary Stauffer, '76

4 October 2016, at home in Melfa, VA, 59. In seafood business after having been in construction and fishing enterprises on the Florida Keys. Survived by his parents; two children; a brother; a sister; two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. At AMA: Captain, Band Company; fencing; tennis. Reported by **Brett Thompson, '75**, and **Billy Sturgis, '73**.



Gary Stauffer, '76

This article first appeared in *Shenandoah Virginia Town & Country* 33 years ago in November, 1983. James "Leftie" Leftwich, Class of 1920, wrote the article from his home in La Jolla, CA where he died in 1992. Thanks to Elliott Ridge, '59, for finding the article.



IT hardly seems sixty-three years ago that my father packed me off in a dollar and a half trunk to Augusta Military Academy, via the C & O up to Staunton, Virginia. A bus awaited to take me out to the Academy at Fort Defiance, six miles away just West of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The late General Tom Roller, then Colonel Roller, Commandant, lost no time letting us newcomers know who was boss. The older cadets also lost no time in swatting the first year men in their backs with their fists, while yelling: "Fin-out, mistuh!" to get "rats" to keep their shoulders straight and their arms hanging rigidly at their sides. They also saw to it that we quickly learned to obey their orders without question. How I wished I had behaved better in my first year of high school, back home in the Tidewater section where I hailed from (Newport News). Introduction to what we could expect came quickly. 'Hazing' didn't sit too well. Realization came rapidly that I was outnumbered. Besides which the older cadets were much bigger!

Gradually conviction came to many of us that we would either have to submit to the indignities of a pummeling year, and all sorts of regimentation or devise ingenious ways of circumventing the endless regulations of a military academy.

In no time at all I found myself walking guard duty for infringement of posted, and unposted, rules. As a young shaver toting a heavy U.S. Army rifle around the parade ground, to march-off an hour or two of penance, had no appeal for any of us. It rankled.

An idea burst forth, that might in some manner off-set the galling, even exasperation, of lugging that heavy Army rifle around AMA's playing field/parade ground. The bulletin board at the entrance arch of the barracks needed neatening-up. It was then that the suggestion of doing some fancy art-work, designs, and lettering might be a substitute for guard duty.

"The Cun-nel" was a reasonable, understanding, and cognizant man. He agreed: "Fancy-up the bulletin board as a substitute for guard-duty."

Shortly thereafter, the Colonel remembered the Old Augusta Stone Church. Down the ravine behind the gymnasium and assembly hall, and up the nearby hill stood the ancient church of mid-17th Century (Old Augusta Stone Church), where the Cadet Corps marched for Sunday services. Its roster of pastors on the plaque above the altar was incomplete. Names of the last few preachers were missing. The aged church, more than two centuries old, should be updated. I was commissioned to add the missing names, in lieu of guard duty I had won for continued infraction of rules of the Academy.

"Paint-in the names of the last few ministers," Colonel Roller said, "and we'll skip your guard duty of an hour due today. (The church in more recent years has been beautifully refurbished and rebuilt.)"

Late that October afternoon of 1919, with a tall ladder, a bottle of drawing ink, pencils, brushes and candle and matches, this fugitive from gun-toting guard duty went

down the ravine and up the hill to the old Stone Church through the back door. Set-up was made to paint-in the names of the missing ministers.

While lettering away, atop the ladder with a candle affixed to the side of the ladder under the darkened church interior behind and above the altar, the rear door opened, just beside the foot of the ladder. In walked little Billy Sikes the boy who was working his way through the Academy. He had come to sweep out and straighten-up the church for services the following day.

An irresistible urge to scare hell out of him overtook the letterer, atop the ladder. A long, low and resonant: "WHOOOSE THAT DOWN THEREEE? WHOOOSE THAT DOWN THEREEE?" The eerie sound reverberated frighteningly throughout the deserted, darkened church. Little cadet Sikes spun around and whipped out of the back door as if he had been blasted out of the church by dynamite, before the ghoulis voice died down and stopped vibrating from the rafters.

Later no one could convince young Sikes that it was, indeed, from atop the ladder of the sign painter. He felt certain he had heard the spiritual bellowing from up above.

The guard duty penalties continued to pile-up. The painting opportunity to off-set the guard-duty dwindled. November found us 'confined to quarters' for continued fracturing of regulations. Thanksgiving approached. No leave; no liberty, just 'confinement to grounds'. Thanksgiving was nearing. A huge, handsome fellow-cadet from Norfolk, John Ely, found himself in the same predicament. "Let's have a turkey with all the fixin's right here in the barracks" John tempted. "Impossible," was the only reaction. "All we've got to do," John intriguingly persisted, "is to jump out of our ground floor windows after call to quarters, tonight, walk down to 'The Fort' (which we called the Village store, at the Ft. Defiance station) and right across the way is a turkey farm, with gobblers all over the place. They'd hardly miss one of the birds. Many of the turkeys roost in trees all over the place. It'll be a cinch to grab

one and take it to the 'pie lady' nearby. She'll cook it for us. I've made arrangements." We did.

That was the heaviest bird this writer ever saw, or helped to carry. It took two of us to tote that turkey the half-mile to the farm woman. She frequently sold pies to the cadets. She promised to cook the turkey and make lots of dressing and have it ready for Thanksgiving, for one dollar and twenty-five cents. We were determined to have our own private 'turkey day' despite the 'confinement to grounds.'

Early the following morning both John Ely and the writer were briskly summoned to the Colonel's office. His partly bald head was sweating with rage. He accused the trembling culprits, before him, of having stolen one of Augusta County's prize Turkeys. It had won the Blue Ribbon for 'Best of Its Kind' at the Farm Show the Fall before!

O! Col. Roller emphatically impressed upon his cringing cadets that the incident was such a heinous crime that he was fearful of making a public announcement of it. Furthermore, to keep it quiet he was going to forget the whole thing - except for the fact that we had to pay for the turkey which was twenty dollars. He didn't want to give the school a bad name. Ely coughed up his ten dollars. I did not have any money and arranged with Capt. Yarbrough, the quartermaster, to put the ten dollars on my First Term bill to be sent to my father. He was willing, he promised, to label the \$10.00 for a 'fatigue shirt,' books, and other essential cadet things.

Late December found the writer home for the Holidays. The second day, just before Christmas, my father called me to his office, flourishing the first quarter bill from Augusta Military Academy:

"What's this item, 'Ten Dollars, balance due for one turkey?'," he bellowed.

It was a lean and disciplined Christmas that followed. 🍎

Tribute to Doc Savedge

Most of us had great stories about **Colonel Savedge**. In my senior year I wanted to do something really special for Doc. He had taken me in, he knew my Dad and Mom had divorced and he passed me in chemistry knowing full well I could have cared less about that subject.

In the yearbook Doc referred to me as the High Top Black Chuck kid. So at graduation I gave Doc a bronzed size 11 inch high top black chuck.

Over the years I returned to AMA now and again and Doc was always there to greet me but I was living in a totally selfish world and never really told him how much I appreciated the steak dinners on a hot plate in his faculty room on a Monday afternoon when there was totally nothing to do. Nor did I just thank him for his friendship and support over the years.

At home I was a wild man, escaping big trouble from time to time but when at AMA I was disciplined. Doc knew what was going on and he was a friend.

When Doc passed away, I contacted **Colonel Livick** about the Bronzed High Top Black Chuck shoe, asked if he had seen it and if it was possible that I could have it. Colonel Livick said, "*Charlie, that shoe was right on Doc's fireplace mantle, but they have cleaned his place out and I would not know where to start looking for it.*"

Wow, Doc had kept that gift and had kept me in his thoughts and prayers all those years. Still wish I would have not been so selfish during my youth and had told Doc how much I appreciated him, his guidance and his friendship.

I do feel comfortable in knowing I will have Eternity to spend time with him because of my belief in what Jesus Christ has done for us.

God Bless AMA,

Charlie Smith, '67
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Use the order form below to purchase a paver or pavers to be installed in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Perhaps remember a teacher who changed your life. Honor a roommate or other AMA friend. Pay tribute to a member of the military service. Have a paver engraved to honor your parents.

Your tribute will be there in perpetuity, your message laser cut into the brick. Years from now, it will remain – long after we are all gone.

Place an order now so that your paver can be installed before Winter.

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Fill in the blanks below. PLEASE PRINT! Only one order per form, please. Copy this form to order additional pavers. When you buy a paver you support the AMA Museum, our scholarships and The Bayonet.

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Please PRINT what you want on your engraved brick, below.

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